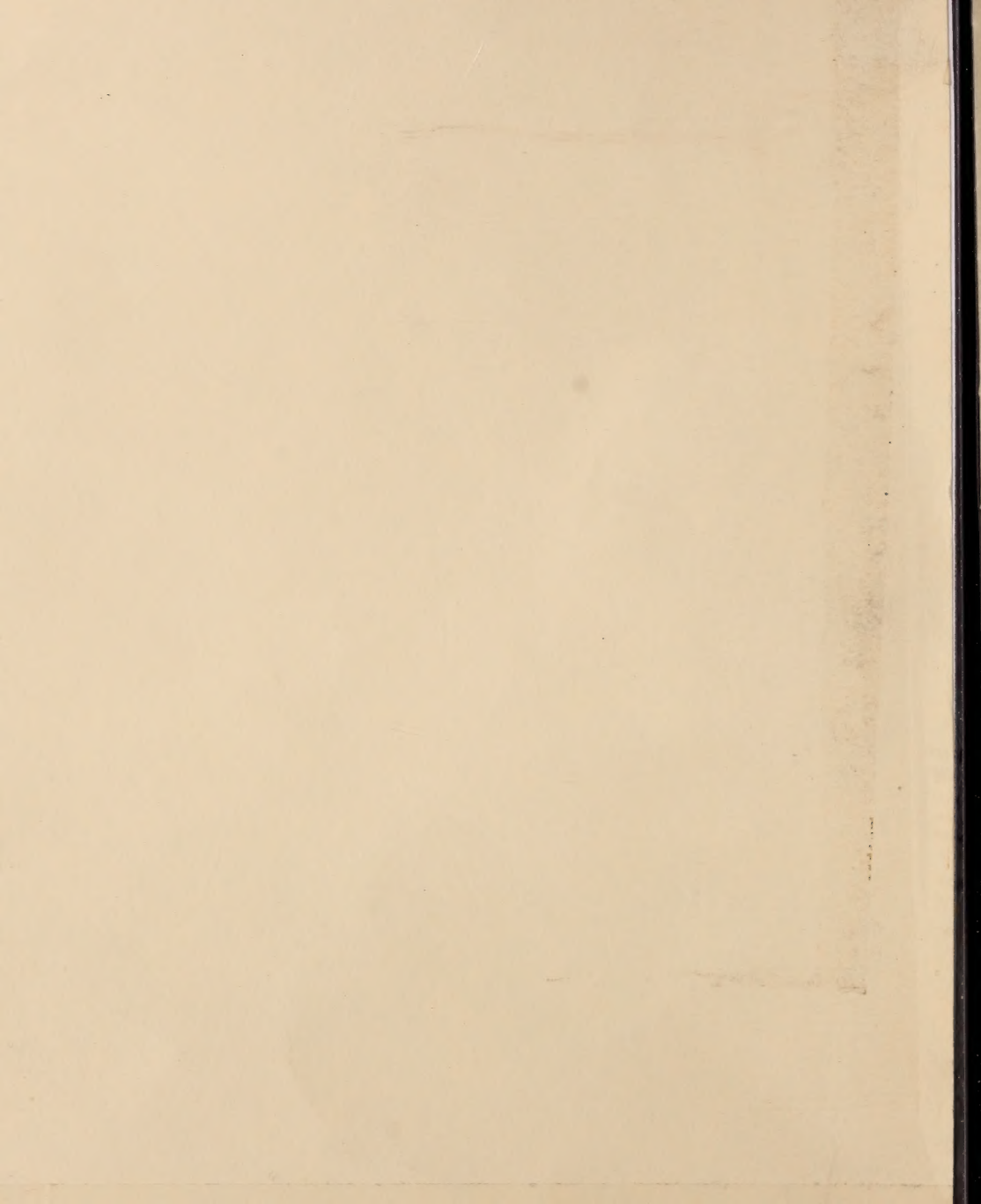


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## NEW GIANT CANNA ALLEMANIA

*The Giant of all Cannas*  
Flowers 7 1/2-2 inches  
Yellow, Gold, Orange, Scarlet and  
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# Catalogue of New and Rare Plants and Bulbs.

## TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS:

The great demand for our little catalogue for 1898 soon exhausted the immense edition printed, and we apologize to those who have been waiting patiently for this additional issue. We trust, however, that they will be fully compensated for the delay, by the opportunity now afforded to purchase many valuable novelties at greatly reduced prices, such as our **unrivalled collection of Cannas and Dahlias**, the most extensive collection in the United States. Also such sterling novelties as **The Golden and Pink Callas, The Brisbane Lily, Watsonia Ardernei, Sidaicea Listeri, Astilbe Chinense, Clematis Stanleyi, Golden Alyssum, Euphorbia Jacquiniflora, Swainsona Violacea, Sander & Co.'s Coleus, Testudinaria Elephantipes, Iris Robinsoniana, The Shamrock Pea, The Genuine Irish Shamrock**, and many other novelties offered on page 19, which we believe are not issued by any other firm in this country. Rather than spend a large amount of money in colored plates and advertising, we prefer to give our friends better plants at lower prices.

We call especial attention to our offer of **Begonias, Gloxinias and Callas**, of which we have already sold more than 50,000 this season. Also to such excellent plants as **Asparagus Sprengerii, Bougainvillea, Blue Spiraea, Crimson Spiraea, Yellow Justicia, Justicia Velutina, Solanum Wendlandi** and others, all of which were first introduced by us to the trade. Our \$1 Bulb Collection, \$1 Surprise Collection, \$1 Canna, Dahlia and Gladiolus Collections are certainly bargains.

**We guarantee** every plant or bulb that we send out to arrive in good condition.

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It is impossible to estimate accurately how many plants of any kind will be sold during a season. In order to be able to fill all orders promptly, we grow a large surplus to meet unexpected demands. At the end of the busy season this surplus *must* be disposed of, or the plants would become too large for mailing purposes. We give our customers the benefit of this extra stock. Many wait for it every year, knowing that they receive much for little. Towards the 1st of May we make up these plants and bulbs in a number of **One Dollar Surprise Collections** of unheard-of liberality. You may safely expect to receive two, three or four times need not be surprised if you get These surprise collections are an consist of plants, bulbs, seeds, many that cannot be had elsewhere. We cannot, however, afford to send them during the rush of business; but all orders will be filled **before the 1st of May**, or later if desired, and will be postpaid. The first 500 orders received during March will be entitled to an **extra present**, put up separately. All orders will be duly acknowledged by return mail, numbered and registered. Orders for \$2, \$3, \$5 or \$10 filled on the same liberal terms. **Be sure to state that you wish a Surprise Collection**, and do not forget our *Gardening* offer.

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# Three New and Rare Plants from Distant Shores.

## STRELITZIA REGINA.

### The True Bird-of-Paradise Flower.

This is undoubtedly one of the most gorgeous flowering plants in existence, and although discovered 120 years ago, is even rarely found in Botanical Gardens. The leaves are very leathery, supported on stalks 2 to 3 feet long, and last for years. The flowers are freely borne in dense scapes a foot across, the colors being **orange-yellow and purple**, a most unusual and rich combination. They remain perfect for months at a time, and are great objects of admiration. Any one can grow this plant under most adverse circumstances. In the South and California it will be found perfectly hardy.

Price of strong plants, \$1 up to \$5. Seeds, 5 for 25 cts.

## WATSONIA

### ARDERNEI.

#### "The Pride of Algoa Bay."

A grand new snow-white flowering plant; the desiderata of every florist and every garden, and one of the best novelties introduced for years. The flowers are produced in many-branched panicles some three feet long, which they cover from base to summit, borne with the greatest freedom, and grown with the greatest ease. Our

cut was from dried specimens received direct from South Africa. Photos of a bed of this *Watsonia* prove it to be a most remarkable plant. It was certificated by the Royal Horticultural Society of England. Now offered for the first time. Fine roots, \$1. Stock very limited.



*Watsonia Ardernei*—  
"The Pride of Algoa Bay."



*Strelitzia Regina*—The True Bird-of-Paradise Flower.

## EURYCLES AMBOINENSIS.

### The Brisbane Lily.

It is not always our fortune to obtain this extremely rare species, a native of Amboyna, which we have grown even out of doors with the greatest ease. The foliage is broad and ornamental. It is free-flowering, and produces large heads of elegant white flowers. Price reduced from \$1.50 to 50 cts.

**The above 3 New Plants for \$2.20.**

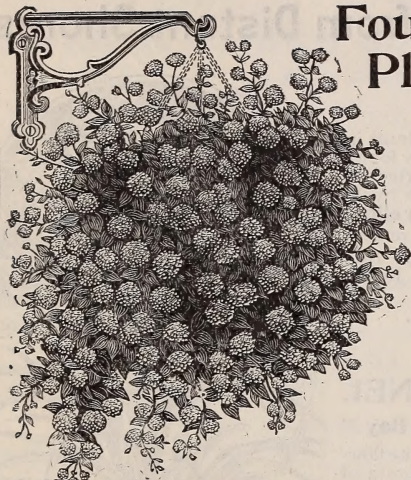
**THE BLUE TRIGIDIA.** Tigruidias are familiar to most flower lovers, but the *blue-flowering* sort is *entirely new*. There is just enough red and yellow combined with it to make the effect marvellous. Just a few bulbs at 50 cts. each; more next year. 15 seeds, 15 cents. Blooms first year.



*Eurycles Amboinensis*—The Brisbane Lily.

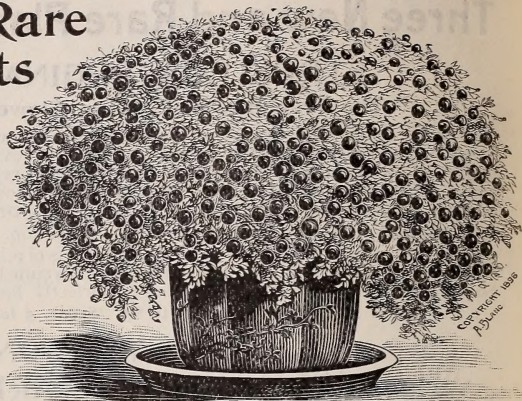


# Four Rare Plants



## NEW WEEPING LANTANA.

The plant has a most graceful drooping habit, grows rapidly and blooms persistently winter and summer, producing a cluster of cheerful, clear rosy lilac flowers at each leaf. It is so very floriferous that as many as 500 clusters of flowers have been counted on one plant at one time. Planted in a large pot and set out during summer, it will form magnificent specimens, while for winter blooming indoors it does equally well. It is highly recommendable. 15 cents, 2 for 25 cents.



## NERTERA DEPRESSA.

**Coral Bead Plant.** "A charming, hardy perennial rock plant, which forms a dense carpet, close on the ground, producing *crimson berries in great profusion.*" As a house plant, however, nothing could be more attractive than a plant in fruit. 15 cts.; seeds, 10 cents.

## TETRANEMA MEXICANA.

**Mexican Foxglove.** A dainty new Mexican house plant, covered for years with hundreds of pretty purple flowers, handsomely set off with dark green, shiny leaves. 20 cents; seeds, 10 cents.



## GOLDEN SWEET ALYSSUM.

A most beautiful Alyssum of very dwarf growth and compact spikes of *pure yellow flowers.* A constant bloomer and fine for cutting. This ought to prove a great acquisition. 15 cents.



## SAINTPAULIA IONANTHA.

**The Usambara Violet.** "A jewel from Central Africa." Undoubtedly one of the most valuable introductions of the present year. The plant bears a profusion of deep violet-blue flowers, of the form of a large single violet. It blooms continually the entire year, especially during the winter months. Prefers plenty of water. 25 cents; seeds, 15 cents.





### ARDISIA CRENULATA.

**Christmas Berries.** A Japanese plant of great value. The foliage is very leathery. The flowers are small, sweet-scented and wax-like; these are succeeded by heavy clusters of bright red, shining berries, which remain hanging on the branches not for months, but for years. Large specimens are truly handsome. 25 cents; larger plants, 50 cents to \$2; seed, 10 cents.

### ANTHOLYZA BICOLOR.

A bulb from the Cape of Good Hope, as easy to grow as a gladiolus and producing charming red and yellow flowers on long stems. Started bulbs, 10 cents; 3 for 25 cents.



New Cuphea Eminens.

### JUSTICIA FLAVA.

**The Yellow Justicia.** We believe this to be as fine a novelty as *Justicia velutina*, brought out by us. It is covered for months with large feather-like clusters of pure yellow flowers, remaining perfect for a very long time, and enhanced by dark green, shiny foliage. When well grown and in bloom it is a sight never to be forgotten. Fine for Easter blooming. Grows as easily as a geranium. 20 cents; very large plants, 50 cents.

### ANTIRRHINUM, QUEEN OF THE NORTH.

Excellent for producing masses of pure white, sweet-scented flowers on long spikes. It has been grown extensively within the last year by florists, and has proved a great favorite everywhere. Also forms a fine garden plant. 15 cts.; seed, 5 cents.



Justicia Flava.

### HAMELIA PATENS—Scarlet Bush.

No idea of the beauty of this plant can be conveyed by a small cut. In pots, if pinched back occasionally, it forms a beautiful bushy plant, covered from January until December with clusters of orange-scarlet, tubular flowers. In the garden it grows into a neat shrub. Not hardy, but can be grown in pots from year to year. 20 cents; very large plants, 50 cts.

### CUPHEA EMINENS.

**The Giant Cigar Plant** quickly attains a height of 18 inches, each spike surmounted by a mass of scarlet flowers, tipped gold and green. These stems, when cut, remain fresh and blooming for two weeks. 20 cents.



### ABUTILON SAVITZI.

**Green and White.** One of the most beautiful new variegated-leaved plants in existence. Its large, maple-like leaves are almost white, being blotched here and there only with clear bright green, a most charming contrast, heightened still more by the very large, orange, bell-shaped flowers with which the plant is always covered. This is one of our very best novelties, both for garden as well as for growing indoors. 20 cents.

**NOTE.**—We will send the 7 plants on this page for \$1.



Hamelia Patens.



# Large-flowering Hardy Clematises.

Our Clematises have given so much satisfaction in previous years that we devote more space to them than before. They are grown for us by Mr. Albert Knapper, a Clematis specialist, who grows them *on their own roots*, and thus ensures *plants that will live*. Most Clematises sold are grafted plants, only a small majority of which ever thrive more than one season. They should not be set out before May.

The following are considered by Mr. Knapper as the best and most distinct of some 40 varieties grown by him.

## New CRIMSON Clematis,

**Mme. Edouard André.**

The **only** Clematis with large, velvety, deep **crimson flowers**, so profuse in bloom as to almost hide the foliage. The greatest and latest acquisition among Clematises, and not approached by any other.

## New PINK Clematis, Mme.

**Baron Veillard.**

The nearest approach to a pink and also unlike any other. Large, free-blooming, healthy grower, perfectly hardy, and a most beautiful plant.

## ALEXANDRIA.

—A fine very large single flower of the deepest purple, and one of the very best.

## André Leroy.

—Large single flowers of a delicate pale lilac; too pretty and distinct to be omitted from a collection.

## Belle of Woking.

—Flowers

very full and double; a hundred petals; color pure purple; free and constant bloomer; extra fine.

**Duchess of Edinburgh.**—The best of all the double whites; extremely profuse and fine bloomer; flowers delightfully fragrant.

**Jackmanni.**—Enormous flowers of rich violet-purple; one of the freest bloomers and best growers; the kind frequently seen on porches and verandas.

**Henryi.**—Large pure white flowers, with broad sepals and rose filaments. Another very free bloomer; needed for contrast with others.

**Mme. Granger.**—Very distinct flowers of a crimson-violet, with pink stripes.

**Sieboldi.**—A most magnificent kind, with immense flowers of pure lavender; very broad substantial sepals, overlapping each other. Flowers last for a very long time even when cut. Can be highly recommended.

Any of the above Clematises in 1-year-old plants at 30 cents each, 5 for \$1.20, or the 10 for \$2.25.

**A YELLOW-FLOWERED CLEMATIS.**—**Clematis Graveolens** is a quite rare Clematis, and certainly a very distinct sort. It is perfectly hardy, a fine climber, and bears dense clusters of pale yellow flowers. Nice young plants, 25 cents; larger, 50 cents.

**CLEMATIS PANICULATA.**—One of the grandest climbing plants for all garden purposes; when two or three years old it will cover a very large space, and will be *perfectly white* with clusters of sweet-scented flowers. Specimens in 8-inch pots readily sold at \$10 each. Our price, 20 cents, 50 cents and \$1.

**CLEMATIS COCCINEA.**—Small bell-shaped flowers of waxy texture; crimson outside, and tipped yellow; blooms with wonderful profusion. 25 cents.

**NEW CLEMATIS, STANLEYI.**—The Ostrich Plume Clematis from the Transvaal. Flowers shading from rose to purple, with large yellow center, followed by fruit terminating in long silvery, feathery arms not unlike an ostrich plume. Only offered by us. Price, 50 cents. Seeds, 20 cents.



Clematis.



# Some New Hardy Plants.

## NEW SIDALCEA LISTERI—Pink Beauty.

One of the finest hardy herbaceous plants introduced to the floral world. Its lovely colored spikes—a delicate satiny pink—borne on long stems, and flowering with continuous profusion from early June till November, make it a most desirable plant for every garden. Invaluable as a cut-flower, keeping fresh in water for days, likewise for border decoration, while for exhibition, hardly a more fetching spray could be shown. Awarded first-class certificates, Edinburgh, Rothsay, Clydebank; special silver medal, Wolverhampton; certificate of merit, R. H. S., London. Plants, 30 cents; seed, 10 cents.



New Sidalcea Listeri.

## NEW ASTILBE CHINENSE—The Pink Spiræa.

Last year we received on order from a celebrated English

nursery for one thousand of these plants at any fair price. We forwarded 50, all that could be had and all that we would part with, so that we might have some for our customers. Such a large order should prove that it is a valuable novelty indeed, as foreign houses seldom order more than a few dozen of any plant. The plant has the same habit as the well-known Spiræa Japonica, with the exception that the flowers are of beautiful delicate rose; this alone makes it extremely valuable. It is one of the hardest of garden plants, and also a good pot plant. Its extreme floriferousness will be appreciated. 30 cents.



Astilbe Chinense.

be extensively grown by florists as an Easter plant, as it forces very readily. It has created quite a sensation wherever grown, and has been awarded certificates by the National Horticultural Society of France. Price for young plants, 25 cents.

**We send these three novelties for 70 cents.**

## DRACÆNA SANDERIANA.

A specimen of this exhibited at the World's Fair after traveling 10,000 miles was considered one of the wonders of the century. One thousand dollars would not have bought it. Large specimens make hundreds of stems closely set with leaves, which are almost white, faintly marked with light, silvery green. Young plants, 50 cents.

## HOFFMANNIA REFULGENS.

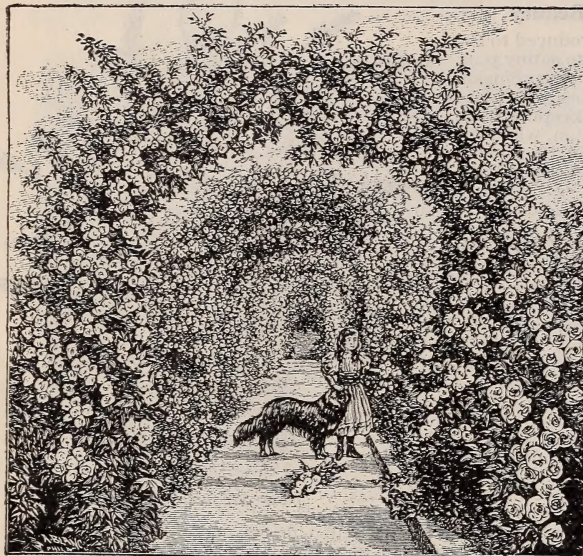
Fine room plant, with very thick, velvety leaves of a rich brown, while underneath they are wine-colored; most grand and beautiful. Strong grower. 25 cents.



New Deutzia Lemoinei.



# The New Rambler Roses.



The Yellow Rambler (Aglaia),

## THE GOLDEN RAMBLER. (Alister Stella Gray.)

Another grand new climber, first introduced by us. We had no idea of its perfectly *continuous flowering* habit. Our plants have been in bloom the whole summer through and until December. Upon opening, the buds are a pure golden yellow, fading to white, so that yellow and white flowers cover the plant at one time. They are delightfully clove-scented, unlike any other Rose. Dormant plants potted in January were a wonderful sight a few weeks later, being covered with from 200 to 400 buds and flowers each.

## THE CRIMSON RAMBLER.

Although introduced by us only a few years ago, it is now the most popular garden Rose, is without a rival, and the grandest Rose ever introduced. It often grows to 12 feet in a season, and is smothered in spring with immense clusters of glowing crimson flowers.

**Strong young plants of the above 5 Rambler Roses at 15 cents each, 4 for 50 cts., 1 of each for 60 cts.; 2-year-old, strong plants, 35 cts., 3 for \$1.**

## THE NEW "CLEMATIS" ROSE, CAR-MINE PILLAR.

Introduced by us in 1896. Its single flowers, 12 to 15 inches in circumference, of the brightest rosy carmine, cover the stems completely for a length of 10 to 12 feet. **25 cts., 3 for 60 cts.; 2-year old plants, 50 cts.**

## THE YELLOW RAMBLER (Aglaia), The only Hardy Yellow Rose in cultivation.

This is a grand companion to the famous Crimson Rambler, equally strong in growth, beautiful in foliage and magnificent in bloom. Its absolute hardiness and its extreme floriferousness should make it one of the most popular Roses for years to come. While a strong climber, yet its shoots are so heavy that it can be used to great advantage as a lawn Rose. It also blooms profusely grown in pots, as many as one hundred to one hundred and fifty blossoms are frequently produced on one branch. As a hardy Rose its color is truly remarkable, being a decided golden yellow. It is also very sweetly scented.

## THE WHITE RAMBLER. (Thalia Euphrosyne.)

The habit is the same as the Crimson and Yellow Ramblers. The color, however, is a pure delicate pink.

## THE WHITE RAMBLER (Thalia).

If anything this is a stronger grower than the above, and eventually it will be found a better white climbing Rose than any in existence. Its hardiness, floriferousness and grand blooms make it a decided acquisition.



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The Crimson Rambler.



# Newest Everblooming Garden Roses.

**AUGUST COMTE.**—A fine all-round Rose—one that we recommend; very odd and entirely distinct. Color rose red, outside petals carmine red, with broad border of a deeper color, and the center salmon-colored rose-ochre. Flowers of good size, double and full. Substance excellent. Well worth having. 30 cents.

**COMTESSE LILY KINSKY.**—A strong, vigorous grower, bearing large, full flowers of fine, regular form; color white, delicately tinged with blush; chamois-yellow center, very sweet and pretty. 20 cents.

**MADAM VON SIEMENS.**—Large, full, perfect flowers, borne in great profusion. Habit of growth strong and vigorous. Color flesh rose, very beautiful. Long, graceful buds. Ideal variety. 25 cents.

**SOUV. DE CATHÉRINE GUILLOT.**—A grand Rose of great excellence, richly colored and thoroughly distinct from any other variety. Color coppery carmine, center shaded with orange. Flowers large, full, finely shaped and very sweet. Vigorous in growth. 20 cents.



**SOUV. DU PERE LALANNE.**—A large-flowering variety, half full, with large petals. Color brilliant carmine, center gold; the beautiful long bud is dark carmine. Habit very vigorous, producing flowers throughout the year in great abundance. 20 cents.

**ROSE D'EVIAN.**—Extra long magenta-red buds; flowers very large, cup shaped and well filled; color fine rose, reverse of petals purplish red. A vigorous, erect grower, with large, dark leaves. 30 cents.

**ZEPHYR.**—Flowers sulphur-yellow, shading to nearly white as they expand. Large, full, cupped, free and elegant; vigorous in growth, and fine habit; a most effective light Rose for bedding. 20 cents.

These 7 Roses, \$1.25.

## THE MEMORIAL ROSE—Wichuraiana.

Creeps over the ground like certain ivies. Immense number of single white flowers, yellow stamens. 20 cents.

## The Green Rose.

—A marvelous curiosity, which excites the wonder of all who see it. The flowers are deep green in color. 15 cents.

## New Rose LITTLE DARLING, or 1,000 Blossoms,

was sent out by Mr. J. C. Schmidt, of Erfurt, Germany, and promises to become a garden jewel. Our first experience with it last year proved it to be of the greatest value as a dwarf bedding Rose, the plant being literally covered throughout the season with thousands of small cup-shaped blossoms of a lovely carmine-rose, single sprays frequently bearing one hundred flowers. It is far superior to the Souper Roses in every respect. First imported by us. 20 cents, 3 for 60 cents.

## LORD PENZANCE'S HYBRID SWEETBRIERS.

The Sweetbrier, or Eglantine, is acknowledged by all to possess one of the sweetest perfumes nature has provided, and its delicious scent is the one object for which it is generally cultivated. The new varieties, now for the first time placed in commerce, are vast improvements on the old variety. They are hybrids obtained by the Right Hon. Lord Penzance, between the common Sweetbrier and various old-fashioned garden Roses, Austrian Briars. The following are the varieties:

**Amy Robart.**—Lovely deep rose; the buds before opening are most graceful, of true Sweetbrier type; an abundant bloomer, robust and free.

**Anne of Geierstein.**—Dark crimson, followed by an abundance of pretty clustered bunches of hips; large foliage; good grower and of graceful branching habit.

**Brenda.**—Maiden's blush or peach blossom, dainty in color and shade; the contrast and effect of the bright golden anthers add a peculiar charm to this variety.

**Flora McIvor.**—Pure white, blushed with rose; perfect for cutting; large flowers, their elegance being increased by sprays of tender foliage that pass up between them; graceful in growth and habit; a gem.

**Lucy Ashton.**—Pretty white blooms with pink edges; not so large as some others; wonderfully free flowering; free grower, with rather erect shoots; foliage very sweet.

**Meg Merrilies.**—Gorgeous crimson, very free flowering; seeds abundantly; wonderfully robust habit.

**Rose Bradwardine.**—Beautiful clear rose; perfect in shape, very profuse; strong, robust habit.

Price of above, 25 cents each, by mail, or the seven and Persian Yellow, by express, for \$1.75.

**The Persian Yellow Sweetbrier** should be grown with the above for the sake of its very beautiful pure yellow flowers, adding brilliancy to the contrast. Very large plants, 50 cents.

# — New and Rare Bulbs, Tubers, Etc. —

## THE PURPLE FRINGED CALLA.

(*Arisæma Fimbriata*.)

This is, perhaps, the most remarkable of all the Callas. Many of the flowers were 8 inches in length. The color is a deep purple, marked lengthwise with lighter transparent stripes and marblings—a most beautiful effect. But what is still more remarkable is the peculiar fringed or hairy tail-like appendage projecting from the flower and drooping below it for several inches. The foliage is also highly ornamental, very large, often measuring 15 inches wide, substantial and bright green. It is one of our best introductions, and is sure to give satisfaction, as it grows even easier than a Calla. When in bloom it is most wonderful to behold, and when out of flower its very bold foliage is sufficiently ornamental for any purpose. Recently awarded first-class certificate, and usually sold at \$5. Fine blooming-size bulbs, now, 75 cents; 2 for \$1.25. A rare bulb from the Phillippine Islands. We recommend it highly. While a very rare plant, the Purple Fringed Calla is of easiest culture. Grow the bulb in a pot of good rich soil; water well; put in a warm, light place. Keep the foliage clean and shiny, as it is most beautiful. In summer the flowers will appear and the leaves will keep on growing until December. When they begin to turn yellow, watering must be stopped and the bulb kept dry in loose soil or sand until spring. No doubt, wonderful hybrids could be produced by crossing this and the White Calla.

### Special Offer.

1 Fringed Calla, 1 Hedy-chium, 1 Golden Calla and 1 Richardia Devoniensis, for \$2.50.



Purple Fringed Calla.

## HEDYCHIMUM CORONARIUM.

(*Myrosma Cannæfolia*.)

We paid \$250 per 100 last year for what proved to be this very fine, sweet-scented, white-flowering tuberous plant. We have propagated it in such quantities that we now offer it at popular prices. The flowers are so sweet that a single one will fill a greenhouse with its fragrance, and, moreover, they are heavy in texture, like an Eucharis, and will last for several weeks. An excellent companion for growing with Cannas, although it blooms much more freely if grown on the borders of water streams. It will no doubt become very popular. Price, 25 cents; 3 for 60 cents; 12 for \$2.

## THE GOLDEN CALLA.

(*Richardia Pentlandi*.)

*Most valuable novelty of the century;* \$465 was refused for two plants at the great auction house of Messrs. Protheroe & Morris, of London. This is similar in every way to the large-flowering white Calla, but the flowers are still larger and the color a *bright golden yellow, with a blotch of crimson at the base of the interior*. Our plants are warranted genuine, having been imported direct from South Africa. The very low price at which we offer this grand novelty brings it within the reach of all. **Price, \$1.50.** Fine colored plate of the Golden Calla, 10 cents.

**Richardia Rehmanni.**—This is the so-called "Pink Calla." In reality the back of the flower is faintly tinged with a pink blush. Fragrant, pretty; very thick and substantial, as if made of wax. Price, \$1.50.

**Richardia Devoniensis.**—A dwarf white Calla, which is claimed to be a much freer bloomer than the Little Gem, giving at least four times as many blooms, and being quite fragrant. Price, 40 cents.



The Golden Calla.



Hedychium (*Myrosma*).



# New American Hybrid Cannas.

GRAND NEW COLORS, ORIGINATED AND FIRST INTRODUCED BY  
A. BLANC & CO., Philadelphia, Pa., U. S. A.

NOTE.—Parties who claim to be the first introducers of these Cannas, as well as Alsace—the white Canna—Coronet, Fairy Queen, Favorite, Giant Crimson, Marigold, Primrose and Rose of May, do so under false pretenses, and merely to gain credit for their superiority.

The following set is entirely distinct from all other Cannas in existence to date and absolutely new in color :

**CHAMPION.**—The largest, brightest and most beautiful Canna in existence to date. Immense spikes of gigantic flowers with petals  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches wide, of a pure, dazzling crimson-scarlet, overlaid with a golden luster and purplish reflections. A color not approached in brightness and richness by any other Canna. It is of very vigorous growth. Bears 4 to 5 trusses to a spike; 50 to 75 enormous flowers to a single truss. All experts who have seen this pronounce it the finest Canna in existence. \$5.

**DUCHESS OF MARLBOROUGH.**—Absolutely pure pink.

Grows 4 to 5 feet high. Leaves green; 3 feet long, 1 foot wide. Numerous spikes, with three to four trusses of flowers, each bearing from 50 to 70 flowers. Flowers fully 5 inches across. Trusses frequently are a foot in length. 50c.

**DUKE OF MARLBOROUGH.**—The darkest of all Cannas; extremely rich crimson-maroon, shading towards purple and black. Fine, erect, compact truss; extremely floriferous. Foliage bluish, metallic-green. 50 cents.

**KLONDIKE.**—A pure, gilded orange. Absolutely without rival. A color quite essential and much sought for for bedding. Flowers enormous; petals  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches wide, well-rounded, incurved. Trusses compact, erect, frequently 1 foot across. \$2.50 each; \$20 per 12.

**MAIDEN'S BLUSH.**—Foliage massive and leathery. Large spikes, with flowers of good size. This color is quite new, and might be called a rosy flesh. 50 cents.

**TOPAZ.**—The first pure yellow-flowered Canna of large size. It is ideal in form, very substantial and produces large and open trusses. A grand Canna for effect. \$1.

The above 6 new Cannas for \$9.

**BRILLIANT.**—Three upper petals bright yellow; middle and lower petals bright, flaming red. Perfectly erect spike of grand form. Flowers 50 to 60 to a spike. Beautiful and unique. 50 cents.

**CUBA.**—Enormous spikes of immense flowers. The segments are deep chrome-yellow, more than half covered by a large blotch of deep vermilion-red. An immense advance over any of this type, and entirely distinct in the shades of its coloring. \$1.

**GOLDEN PEARL.**—By careful crossing, this will probably produce perfectly double flowers. We have had flowers of it with 9 to 10 petals. Some of its flowers are golden yellow, others are yellow, streaked and shaded red and lilac. Very dwarf. 50 cents.

**LORRAINE.**—Pink, edged white. A charming combination of colors. The flowers are large, a bright pink, spotted red, each petal broadly and clearly edged with pale yellow, soon changing to creamy white. Spikes large, bearing 40 to 50 flowers. Unique effect. 50 cents.

**TRIUMPH.**—Velvety scarlet, overlaid with deep maroon spots; flowers of very large size; petals  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches; very substantial. Vigorous grower and constant bloomer. 50 cents.

**VICTORIA.** Immense trusses of large flowers on bold, heavy stalks. The three upper segments pale lemon-yellow, feathered, in center only, with rose spots on pink ground. Lower petals rich yellow, with distinct, bold design of velvety amaranth-red. \$1.

The above series of 12 new Cannas and 1 "Philadelphia" for \$12; or, without Canna "Champion," for \$7.50.

Colored plates of above Cannas free on application.

**CAPRICE.**—Petals creamy white, heavily spotted with lilac-rose. Lower petal bright cherry red. 75c.

**LIGHTHOUSE.**—Very tall grower; dense heads of flowers. Pale yellow flamed pink and scarlet. \$1.

**MOONLIGHT.**—A great improvement over Alsace. Flowers larger and whiter. A grand acquisition. \$1.50.

**PROFUSION.**—Very dwarf grower; immense clusters of bright scarlet flowers, edged gold. 50 cents.

**SUNSET.**—Bright orange-yellow, flamed and streaked with glowing scarlet. Fine truss of medium flowers. 50 cents.

**ZEBRA.**—Flowers yellow, streaked, blended and striped with golden yellow, orange, scarlet and shades of lilac. \$1.

The set of 6 for \$4.

BLANC'S NEW CANNA,  
"PHILADELPHIA."

Originated and introduced by us  
in 1896.

After three years' trial this has proved to be one of the best Cannas grown to any extent up to the present time. It is of uniform growth, about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet, blooming evenly and continually during the entire season, bearing large spikes densely crowded with bright glowing crimson scarlet flowers; rich and velvety. The flowers drop as soon as faded, leaving the spike neat and clean. Their velvety texture resists rain and storms with great impunity. Foliage bright green, healthy and vigorous. 20 cents each; \$2 per 12.

All the above prices apply only for delivery after May 1, 1898.



New American Cannas.



## NEW AMERICAN CANNAS FOR 1898 FROM OTHER INTRODUCERS.

**GLORIOSA (No. 21).**—One of the dwarfest Cannas in cultivation. Commencing to bloom when only 6 inches high and bearing immense spikes of large flowers. The color is a bright amaranth red, each petal edged with clear yellow. Originated by us and introduced by W. Atlee Burpee & Co. 25 cents.

**PRESIDENT MCKINLEY (No. 22).**—A strong, robust grower, with rich green foliage. The flowers are a bright scarlet with crimson shading, borne in large trusses well above the foliage. Excellent for massing.

**DEFENDER (No. 23).**—Clear yellow, spotted and striped with bright scarlet, producing large, fine heads in profusion.

**SAM TRELEASE (No. 24).**—Flowers opening flat, with broad petals of good substance. Very nearly a pure scarlet, rich and glowing; edges of petals and center of flowers marked with yellow. Very fine bloomer.

Price, 50 cents each, \$5 per 12, excepting Gloriosa.

**ROSEMAWR (No. 25).**—Another grand new Canna, bearing enormous well-rounded flowers of a salmon-rose color; very distinct and beautiful. This is an exceedingly free winter bloomer, and also sure to be in great demand for bedding.

**PRESIDENT CLEVELAND (No. 26).**—Also a grand new sort, with orange-scarlet flowers, but quite distinct from President McKinley. It is a grand Canna for bedding, and is already popular in Washington.

**SUNRAY (No. 27).**—Rich, bright yellow, with stripes and dashes of fiery scarlet running almost to edge of petals. Quite distinct.

**TARRYTOWN (No. 28).**—An ideal bedding Canna, with brilliant cherry red flowers. A dwarf, compact grower, and an exceedingly free, early and continuous bloomer of even height. Certain to become popular.

The set of eight varieties, Nos. 21 to 28, \$3.50.

## AMERICAN CANNAS OF MERIT INTRODUCED PREVIOUS TO 1898.

**ALSACE.**—(A. Blanc & Co.) Next to our new "Moonlight" this is the nearest approach to a white Canna. An extremely vigorous grower, with metallic-green foliage 4 feet high, producing from 15 to 20 flowering stems per season from a single eye. An early and continuous bloomer.

**"BURBANK."**—Flowers gigantic in size, nearly semi-double. A pure canary-yellow, showing a few spots of red.

**CHICAGO.**—Flowers vermilion, opening nearly flat; petals wide, usually five in number; trusses large and full.

**COLUMBIA.**—Bright rosy-red; very beautiful. Spikes very numerous, trusses full and erect. An early and continuous bloomer.

**CORONET.**—(Blanc.) Clear yellow without spots, with only a trace of orange russet on the smaller petal.

**EGANDALE.**—(Vaughan.) The most popular dark-leaved variety grown in America. Foliage bronzy green, shaded purple. Flowers bright, clear crimson.

**ELDORADO.**—(Pierion.) Flowers lemon-yellow, faintly spotted red, the effect at a distance being that of almost pure yellow.

**ELEANOR.**—(Blanc.) Yellow, spotted red. Style of Florence Vaughan, but with larger flowers and a much freer bloomer. Said to be more desirable in every respect. 25 cts.

**EMMA.**—(Blanc.) Glowing scarlet, sometimes with a faint thread of yellow; dwarf, but robust, producing four times as many flowers as Star of '91.

**FAIR PERSIAN.**—(Blanc.) A pure peach bloom color. Entirely distinct from any other, and most attractive as a novelty. While the flowers are not large, the color will please the amateur.

**FAVORITE.**—(Blanc.) A deep, rosy carmine, entirely distinct from any other Canna. A bright and cheerful color in the garden. Spikes full, compact and well erect. Continually in bloom. 25 cts.

**FLAMINGO.**—(Dingee & Conard.) Scarlet. Considered by many as one of the brightest Cannas. We have seen it in glorious condition; it will take a foremost place among the finest bedders. The color is an intense, pure scarlet, without a blemish or spot. Flowers large, well reflexed. Truss very large. A grand Canna. 25c.

**FLORENCE VAUGHAN.**—Flowers yellow, heavily spotted red, producing an orange effect. Quite distinct from Prima and from Eldorado.

**F. R. PIERSON.**—(Pierion.) Bright, clear scarlet, shaded with crimson, faintly margined with yellow. Center of flower yellow, mottled with crimson.

**GIANT CRIMSON.**—(Blanc.) Glowing crimson, spotted with maroon. Grand spikes of large flowers, with well-rounded petals  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide. Very vigorous; bold foliage of deep green, growing fully 5 feet high. 25 cts.

**GOLDEN STAR.**—(Blanc.) Nearly pure yellow. The flowers are elegantly fringed, and of a rich golden yellow with scarcely a spot. They are produced in massive, compact trusses, showing off to the greatest advantage, and borne in rapid succession during the entire season, even when the plants are scarcely to inches high. It is the dwarfest of all yellow Cannas, and is invariably of uniform height.

**JOHN WHITE.**—(White, 1897.) New variegated-leaved Canna. Foliage penciled green and yellow, sometimes with pink, and edged with red. Very beautiful as a pot plant, and doubtless also as a bedder.

**MARIGOLD.**—(Blanc.) A very rich orange, with less scarlet or salmon than any so-called orange. Flowers good size and excellent form.

**MEPHISTO.**—(Blanc.) A giant among Cannas, towering to a height of 7 to 8 feet; very bright scarlet; flowers large and borne in strong direct spikes; a constant bloomer. 25 cents.

**MRS. FAIRMAN ROGERS.**—Scarlet, edged yellow. Experts state that as soon as stock is large enough this will be grown by millions and take the place of the new popular Madame Crozy, which it resembles in many respects. The flowers, however, are vastly larger and brighter in color. Trusses enormous and freely produced. 25 cents.

**ORANGE QUEEN.**—(Blanc.) A fine orange-gold color. Dwarf and very free-blooming, enlivening the largest bed of Cannas.

**PIERSON'S PREMIER.**—Scarlet, edged yellow. Very fine, large, compact truss. Profuse bloomer. A very good sort.

**PINK EHEMANNI.**—(Blanc.) Clear, deep pink flowers, not of the largest size. Magnificent musa-like foliage, overtopping other Cannas.

**PRIMROSE.**—(Blanc.) Sulphur-yellow flowers of medium size, remaining fresh for more than a week after cutting. Has bloomed outside with temperature down to 36 degrees. Extremely hardy.

**ROSE OF MAY.**—(Blanc.) A deep rose lake, free from salmon; purer than any so-called pinks. Flowers are of medium size but are produced in very large clusters. A profuse and free bloomer.

**SUNBEAMS.**—Color deeply yellow, heavily mottled with orange. Vigorous foliage. Truss rather loose.

**SUNSET GLOW.**—(May.) Bright salmon, with pale yellow band to each petal. Very distinct and exceedingly floriferous. 75 cents per 12; \$5 per 100.

**YELLOW CROZY.**—(Vaughan, 1897.) This new Canna is said to combine all the good qualities of Madame Crozy, with the additional merit of bearing larger flowers nearly pure yellow in color. We think very highly of it, and strongly recommend it. 25 cents.

After April, single roots of any of the above, except where noted, will be mailed at 15 cents, or \$1.50 for 12 varieties, or 12 of any one kind. One of each of the 28 kinds for \$4.25.



## 21 GRAND NEW ITALIAN ORCHID-FLOWERED CANNAS.

All these bear immense flowers of orchid-like appearance and form gigantic clumps of splendid growth. They should be grown by every amateur, and are grand for pot culture as well as for open ground.

**ALLEMANNA.**—This is the grandest of this type; the flowers measure fully seven inches across. The petals are a bright yellow, with large blotches of vermilion-orange; these are heavily mottled with scarlet. Originally issued at \$5. For illustration, see front page of catalogue.



Orchid-flowered  
Canna "Bavaria."

and shades of cardinal-red; petals fringed and crimped. Central petal yellow spotted, penciled and broadly edged scarlet; a wonderful flower.

**PERSEUS.**—Very free bloomer; canary-yellow flowers, spotted scarlet.

**PLUTO.**—Another magnificent flower. The three upper petals bronzy orange-scarlet, with narrow streaks of gold. Central petal pale yellow blotched vermilion; broad lower petal of bright vermilion, spotted with yellow at the throat and blending into gold at lower edge. All petals beautifully crimped and the entire flower glistening like satin; a most marvelous creation; beautiful purplish red leaves.

**SUEVIA.**—Pure satiny yellow flowers of very largest size and without spots.

**WILHELM BECK.**—Elegant rounded flower. The three upper segments yellow, with a single scarlet blotch towards centre. Centre petal yellow, slightly spotted. Lower petal very bright scarlet, with a broad and distinct band of yellow; very remarkable and distinct.

Prices, except where specified, 40 cents each. We will supply 1 each of the 21 Italian Cannas for \$8; 12 of any one variety for the price of 10; 12 varieties for 40 cents at \$4.

**ITALIA.**—Enormous flowers, yellow, heavily blotched red; grand foliage. 10 cents each; \$1 per 12; \$5 per 100.

**AUSTRIA.**—Large flowers, almost pure yellow; most beautiful foliage. 10 cents each; 75 cents per 12; \$3 per 100.

**AFRICA.**—Large orange-scarlet flowers, deepening to rich scarlet in the throat. 75 cents.

**AMERICA.**—Bronze foliage, streaked green; flowers orange-salmon, feathered with scarlet. Originally issued at \$5.

**APHRODITE.**—Upper petals salmon, edged yellow; lower petal salmon-scarlet, blotched darker. 75 cents.

**ASIA.**—Large flower; golden yellow, spotted scarlet.

**BAVARIA.**—Unique and distinct; upper petal pure yellow, lower and central petals covered with large and smaller orange and crimson-scarlet dots; immense flowers. A grand Canna in every way.

**BORUSSIA.**—Beautiful golden yellow flowers, spotted and blotched fiery red.

**BURGUNDIA.**—Yellow flowers spotted carmine, interior red.

**EDOUARD ANDRE.**—Bright red flowers, marbled and spotted orange yellow; distinct sort and most admirable.

**H. WENDLAND.**—Three upper petals yellow, heavily blotched scarlet; interior and lower petals scarlet, edged yellow.

**H. SEIDEL.**—Large scarlet flowers, edged yellow and blotched maroon.

**IBERIA.**—Yellow, spotted red. Interior petals crimson-scarlet; very orchid-like.

**LA FRANCE.**—Magnificent purple foliage and grand orange-scarlet flowers; compact habit; very distinct. Sent out at \$10. 75 cents.

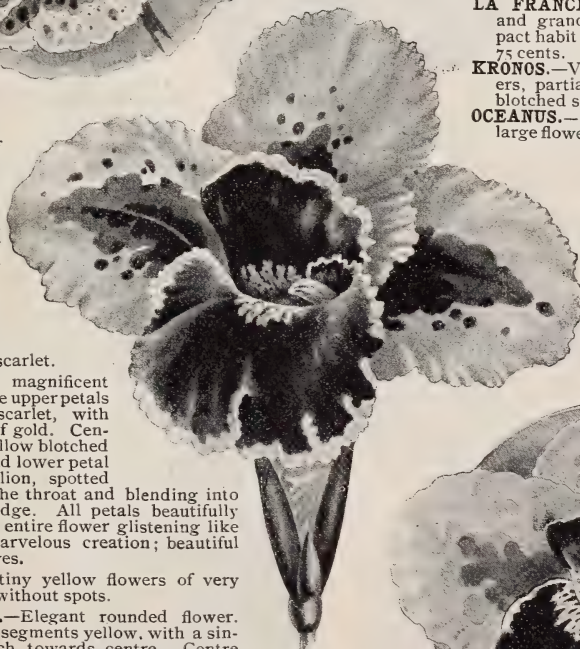
**KRONOS.**—Very large sulphur-yellow flowers, partially covered with salmon and blotched scarlet.

**OCEANUS.**—Grand orchid-like effect; very large flowers. Three upper petals yellow,

covered for half their surface with orange-red and flaked with maroon; lower petal bright vermilion, shading lighter to centre; edged bright yellow.

**PARTENOPE.**—Large spikes of very large flowers of a rich orange-scarlet handsomely streaked salmon.

**PANDORA.**—Beautiful bronze leaves; immense flowers of great beauty, the color a glistening royal scarlet, flaked, blotched and striped with golden yellow



Italia.



Orchid-flowered Canna Oceanus.



# MR. CROZY'S CANNAS OF RECENT INTRODUCTION.

**AMI JULES CHRETIEN.**—The Iris-flowered Canna. The flowers are large, fully 15 inches around, usually with five rounded petals, and of remarkably heavy texture. The colors are a combination of salmon-red, shading towards the edges into deeper red, the whole flower reflecting a golden luster. Most beautiful.

**BARONNE DE POILLY.**—Flowers nearly 6 inches, petals very round. Upon opening, the color is a very bright orange, flaked and striped with orange-red; on the second day the color changes to a salmon-pink, with orange shades.

**BARONNE CLARA DE HIRSCH.**—Flowers bright red, mottled deep maroon, edged with golden yellow.

**CHARLES PAUL.**—Metallic purple foliage. Flowers well rounded, usually with 5 petals; bright buff, shading to salmon.

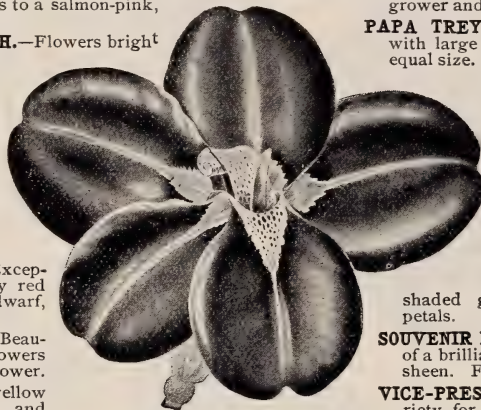
**CZAR ALEXANDER III.**—One of the very best. Immense spikes of brilliant carmine-red flowers. Usually free bloomer.

**HORTENSE BARBEREAU.**—Exceptionally large, bright, cherry red flowers, freely produced on dwarf, compact spikes.

**LEON PEPIN LEHALLEUR.**—Beautifully large carmine-red flowers of fine form. Very strong grower.

**MADAME PICHON.**—Lemon-yellow flowers, delicately spotted and striped with bright crimson. Early and constant bloomer.

**NOTE.**—These Cannas were sent out by Mr. Crozy at \$2.50. Our price, 25 CENTS EACH, any 12 for \$2.50, or the entire set of 18 sorts for \$3.50, by express.



Ami Jules Chretien,  
The Iris-flowered Canna.

**MADAME CHABANNE.**—Flowers pink, shading to white towards center of flower; distinct color.

**MADAME RIGAUD.**—A very good cherry red; flowers of good form and freely produced; good bedder.

**MADAGASCAR.**—Distinct from any variety, the spots being very large, of deep crimson, on ochre-yellow ground.

**Mlle. BERRAT.**—Best pink next to Duchess. Vigorous grower and fine foliage.

**PAPA TREYVE.**—Distinct orange-yellow, with large orange-scarlet blotches of unequal size. Good sort.

**ROI DES ROUGES.**—Mr. Crozy claims this to be his best red Canna, and it certainly deserves that distinction.

**SIR TREVOR LAWRENCE.**—Flowers of good size, carmine-rose, edged with a yellow border.

**SOUVENIR DE MME. CROZY.**—Very compact and large spikes of medium-sized flowers. The color is yellow, heavily blotched and

shaded garnet-red towards center of petals.

**SOUVENIR DE JEAN CHAURE.**—Flowers of a brilliant scarlet, overlaid with purple sheen. Fine sort.

**VICE-PRESIDENT LUZET.**—Excellent variety for massing. Numerous compact spikes of bright cherry red flowers.

## COLLECTION OF FRENCH AND AMERICAN CANNAS.

**ALBA ROSEA.**—Pink and white, distinct; tall grower.

**ALPHONSE BOUVIER.**—Rich crimson; tall; fine bedder.

**AMI PICHON.**—Fine crimson; profuse bloomer; extra.

**AMI PEZEUX.**—Very rich pomegranate red; large spikes.

**ANTOINE RIVOIRE.**—Salmon-pink, very large flowers.

**AMIRAL AVELLAN.**—Best bronze foliage; orange-scarlet.

**BARON DE SANDRANS.**—Yellow, spotted red; tall.

**BRENNINGSI.**—Variegated leaves; effective for bedding.

**CHARLES HENDERSON.**—Good old crimson standard.

**CHARLEMANGE.**—Bronze foliage; fine salmon-red; new.

**COL. DODDS.**—Peculiar shade of rosy salmon, a rare color.

**CTE. DE BOUCHAUD.**—Yellow, spotted red; very large.

**CONSTELLATION.**—Orange, blended red, peculiar color.

**DIRECTEUR ROELZ.**—Salmon, rose streaked.

**DISCOLOR.**—Dwarf bedder; crimson.

**DR. MASTERS.**—Yellow, lightly feathered red.

**E. G. HILL.**—Clear scarlet, marbled carmine.

**FRANÇOIS BILLIARD.**—Rich dark crimson; fine sort.

**FRANÇOIS BARRE.**—New; yellow, spotted crimson.

**F. NEUVESSEL.**—Fine carmine red; free bloomer.

**FEURST BISMARCK.**—Glowing crimson-scarlet; good.

**GEN. DE MIRIBEL.**—Bright shade of apricot.

**GLOIRE LYONNAISE.**—Yellow, blotched red.

**GOLDEN GEM.**—Very dwarf; nearly pure yellow; free.

**GRAF. OSW. DE KERCHOVE.**—Orange red; extra good.

**JEAN LAUBAUD.**—Citron yellow, blotched salmon.

**JOHN LAING.**—Orange, bordered yellow; distinct color.

**J. WILKINSON ELLIOTT.**—Very fine orange-salmon.

**LEONARD VAUGHAN.**—Bronze foliage; bright scarlet.

**LEONARD LILLE.**—Rich orange, faintly edged yellow.

**LOUIS COLOMB.**—Bronze foliage; salmon and scarlet.

**MAURICE MUSSY.**—Bright, satiny vermilion-scarlet.

**MME. ALPHONSE BOUVIER.**—Crimson, edged yellow.

**MME. CROZY.**—Red, edged yellow; well-known sort.

**MME. CAMILLE DUGAS.**—Large; yellow, spotted red.

**MME. CHAS. MOLIN.**—Extra fine; grenate red; free.

**MME. DE MONTEFIORE.**—Sulphur, spotted orange.

**MME. PERRIN DES ISLES.**—Dwarf; salmon pink.

**MME. SALLIER.**—Unique, flesh-colored; tall.

**OBELISK.**—Vermilion, edged yellow; rare sort.

**OCTAVE MIRABEAU.**—Red, penciled orange-crimson.

**PAOLI RADELLI.**—Bright garnet-red, rich yellow border.

**PAUL BRUANT.**—Intense orange-scarlet; dwarf.

**PAUL LORENZ.**—Very dwarf; rich blood-red; extra.

**PAUL MARQUANT.**—Salmon-red; very popular bedder.

**PAUL MEYLAN.**—Beautiful new shade of orange-red.

**PRES. CHANDON.**—Ochre-yellow, dark spots; large.

**PROF. DR. VON AHLERS.**—Capucine-red, shaded purple.

**QUEEN ELEANOR.**—Best and largest yellow, spotted red.

**QUEEN CHARLOTTE.**—Crimson, edged yellow.

**ROBERT OWEN.**—Canary yellow, lower petal striped red.

**ROSE ALBA.**—Creamy white, spotted rose; very distinct.

**ROSE UNIQUE.**—Peculiar shade of salmon red; dwarf.

**SCARLET GEM.**—A good bedder; cardinal red; dwarf.

**SENORA DELIA MATTE.**—Orange, overlaid carmine.

**SOUV. D'ANTOINE CROZY.**—Vivid scarlet, edged gold.

**SOUV. DE MADELAINE.**—Bronze foliage; verm'n scarlet.

**SOUV. DU PRES. CARNOT.**—Rich vermilion-scarlet.

**STADTGARTNER SEINHOLZ.**—Bronze; carmine-scarlet.

**TREYVE MARIE.**—Deep salmon-carmine; large spike.

**VANDEN DRUG, JR.**—Vermilion-scarlet, mottled yellow.

Reduced prices for any of above, 10 cents each, \$1 per 12, by mail, postpaid; 50 for \$4, 100 for \$7. Named Cannas, our selection, \$3 per 100, in five sorts. Mixed Cannas, without name, \$2.50 per 100, by express.

SEND FOR SPECIAL PRICE-LIST OF CANNAS, FULLY DESCRIBING 200 SORTS.



## NEW FRENCH CANNAS OF 1897—Now offered for the first time.

**ANTEE.**—Vigorous grower. Large flowers with rounded petals. Ochre-yellow, covered with brownish spots.

**ALBERT MILLAUD.**—Tall grower; very stiff erect foliage. Robust spikes of cherry red flowers with yellow throat. New and effective color.

**ACME.**—A most beautiful variety, nearly pure yellow. Very dwarf. Dense and compact spikes.

**BRAHMA.**—Tall grower—5 to 6 feet; very large flowers, cinnabar-red, very effective.

**BAYARD.**—Chamois, shaded yellow; a pleasing color. Very prolific bloomer.

**DAMOCLES.**—Purple foliage; fine spike of flowers of a solferino pink.

**DEPUTE JOURNARD.**—Very bright carmine-scarlet. Dwarf.

**DERVICHE.**—Bright yellow, pointed red. Constant, early and quite distinct.

**DUBREUIL.**—Well-opened, rounded flowers; dark orange-red.

**ESCARBOUCLE.** This is considered one of the best dwarf scarlets; excellent habit, very free.

**FEU D'ARTIFICE (Fire Works).**—Vilmorin. Flowers yellow; peculiarly mottled, flamed and streaked with orange-red.

**FRAICHEUR.**—Rosy flesh, long petals. Free and abundant bloomer. Large spike.

**FRERE HENRI.**—Mr. Cretier's new orange edged yellow. Quite distinct and pretty sort.

**GEORGE LACHAUD.**—Compact growth. Dark green undulated foliage. Very dense spikes of large nasturtium-red flowers, shading to rose; very attractive shade.

**GRINGOIRE.**—Very large spikes, with numerous flowers of a pretty pink shade; long petals.

**GLOIRE DE MONTET.**—Very bright nasturtium-red, a color needed for effect. Good sort.

**GEORGE SAND.**—Light pink, edged white; very large spikes, with numerous flowers.

**IDEALE.**—Profuse bloomer; very large spikes of medium size flowers. Pale yellow spotted pink, shading to white and pink. Dainty and new.

**PANACHE D'OR (Golden Plume).**—Very tall grower—7 to 8 feet, fine green foliage—immense trusses of very largest flowers of canary color, very faintly marked with orange.

**PEARL OF BEDDERS.**—Dwarf grower. Vigorous dark green foliage, edges bronzed. Rapid multiplier. Strong spikes of orange-red flowers, marbled with darker shade.

**PAPILION.**—Exceedingly free-bloomer; dense spikes of carmine-red of peculiar shade.

**PAUL DE MORTILLET.** Bright orange, shading lighter towards center; unusual color.

**PRESIDENT VERMOREL.**—Fine glowing copper color; good sized flower; free-bloomer.

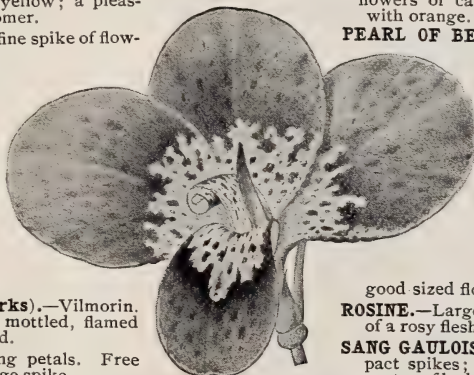
**ROSINE.**—Large spikes; medium size flowers of a rosy flesh; charming tint.

**SANG GAULOIS.**—Very dark red. Close, compact spikes; very floriferous. Excellent for center of beds.

**TENDRESSE.**—Dense clusters of pale rosy flesh flowers of medium size; exceedingly free bloomer; will be greatly appreciated by amateurs.

**VERTUMNE.**—Fine rosy red; a pleasing and attractive new shade.

**VIRGINIE.**—Another sort with delicate rosy flesh flowers; pretty.



Franz Buchner.  
Flowers 6 inches.

Price of the above, 35 cents each. Any 12 varieties for \$3.50. The 28 for \$7.

## FOUR GRAND NEW CANNAS—Strongly Recommended.

**AURORE.**—Undoubtedly the very finest orange-salmon to date. Bold and tall grower; immense spikes of the largest flowers, densely crowded; continuously in bloom. We strongly recommend it.

**BEAUTE POITEVINE.**—Another variety of greatest value. Its immense spikes of bright scarlet flowers are produced in greatest quantity throughout the entire season. It is of medium height and an excellent bedder, making a brilliant show in masses.

**ETENDARD.**—We consider this one of the best Cannas ever introduced. It produces enormous trusses of very large flowers of the richest orange-scarlet, faintly edged yellow, which are exceedingly bold and effective. Height, 4 feet.

**FRANZ BUCHNER.**—A most prolific bloomer, early and late; dwarf habit, large spikes; frequently 6 inches across. Bright orange, mottled vermilion, edged yellow; center yellow, spotted orange. An excellent Canna.

These 4 excellent sorts at 20 cents each, \$1.50 for 12, \$10 for 100.

## THE BEST OF MR. CROZY'S NOVELTIES OF 1897.

**AVANT GARDE.**—Very large yellow flowers, speckled with carmine; one of the best.

**DEPUTE RAVARIN.**—A grand deep garnet, closely approaching our Duke of Marlborough dwarf, and free grower.

**F. PEARSON.** Golden yellow, profusely spotted carmine; very free and even grower.

**JOSEPH COMBET.**—Rich velvety cardinal, shaded maroon; rounded flowers, compact spike.

**MME. LEON LECLERC.**—Orange-scarlet, strongly tipped golden yellow; flowers large and numerous.

**MENELEK.**—Dwarf compact habit; very uniform. Large flowers of a rich nasturtium-red; very distinct in effect.

**MADAME FAVRICHON.** Bright vermilion, shaded carmine; very floriferous.

**MADAME SALLIER.**—Large, clear yellow flowers with bright scarlet stripes through petals.

**MINE D'OR (Gold Mine).** Bright canary yellow, lower petal lightly marked with red; practically a yellow Madame Crozy.

**SECRETAIRE CHABANNE.** A pleasing shade of salmon; flowers large and round.

Price of the above varieties, 50 cents each. The 10, \$4. Sent out in 1897 at \$3.75 each, some at \$5.



# Novelties in Dahlias.

At the last exhibition held in Philadelphia we were awarded 11 prizes out of a total of 22.



Grand Duke Alexis.

## Our Most Beautiful Dahlia, "GRAND DUKE ALEXIS."

*Won first prize as best novelty in 1897.* Introduced by us two years ago, this is now considered by far the grandest Dahlia in cultivation. Whenever shown it attracts great crowds. It always wins first prizes, because there is no other Dahlia like it. Flowers measuring 20 inches around have been shown. The color is a rich ivory-white, faintly tipped with pink, especially towards the center. Petals peculiarly quilled. Most exquisite new type. 25 cents; plants, 15 cents.

**Our Grand New Show Dahlia, "GILT EDGE."**—Won first prize as the best new Dahlia. The petals are recurved like a chrysanthemum; the color is ivory-white, deeply edged with rich golden yellow; entirely unique and most beautiful. 25 cents; plants, 15 cents.

**The Giant of Dahlias, "COLOSSUS."**—First prize as largest Dahlia. Flowers measuring 20 to 24 inches around, perfect in form; a clear, deep wine color; long stems, good for cutting; a grand new show Dahlia. 25 cents; plants, 20 cents.

**New Cactus Dahlia, "LILACINA."**—A new English variety not yet offered here. A pure delicate lilac is a new feature in Cactus Dahlias which will be appreciated by all lovers of Dahlias. It is excellent for cutting. Roots, 35 cents; plants, 15 cents.

**The Rare Dahlia, "IMPERIALIS."**—This Dahlia is but little known. While it grows 8 to 10 feet high, yet we have had plants in 3-inch pots bearing beautiful mauve bell-shaped flowers. It blooms all winter in conservatories, but is best suited for the South or for California. Plants only, 25 cents.

**New Double "TOM THUMB DAHLIA."**—An excellent novelty, growing but 12 to 15 inches in height, and, therefore, valuable for bedding as well as for pot culture. Flowers 3 inches, yellow, lightly margined red. Produced in endless profusion. 25 cts.; plants, 15 cts.

NOTE—We send four 15-cent plants for 50 cents, or 9 for \$1; or five 25-cent roots for \$1.

## 23 OF THE BEST CACTUS DAHLIAS.

NOTE—F. C. C. means First-class Certificates.

**Gloriosa.**—We put this at the head of the list as by far the best of the Cactus Dahlias offered in this country. Its grand form, immense size, and brilliant crimson color have not been approached by any other. It should be found in every garden. 25 cents; plants, 15 cents.

**Baron Schroeder.**—Imperial purple; grand color.

**Beauty of Brentwood.**—Purple magenta; extra.

**Bertha Mawley.**—Flowers like a Japanese chrysanthemum; florets long and tapering; a rich cochineal color, shaded violet. 2 F. C. C.

**Black Prince.**—Intense velvety maroon; large.

**Blanche Keith.**—Pure yellow; petals long and twisted, full and even; true Cactus; free bloomer. 3 F. C. C.

**Bronze Cactus.**—Buff, yellow and bronze; unique.

**Countess of Gosford.**—Of singular appearance. Color a rich cinnamon, shaded towards gold. 3 F. C. C.

**Countess of Radnor.**—A combination of delicate shades of orange, bronze, yellow, and the intermediate shades, all blending harmoniously. 3 F. C. C.

**Delicata.**—The pink water lily Dahlia. One of the most popular at English shows. Quite distinct. 4 F. C. C.

**John Bragg.**—Very dark maroon; fine form.

**H. Cannell.**—Rich velvety crimson; extra fine.

**Kaiserin.**—Flowers large, rich sulphur yellow, outer florets tinged lemon. Highly praised. 3 F. C. C.

**King of Cactus.**—Immense, dazzling scarlet.

**Kynereith.**—Brightest of all vermillions.

**Lancelot.**—A peculiar shade of striking reddish salmon; rich and effective; one of the very best. 3 F. C. C.

**Matchless.**—Has been awarded 18 first-class certificates. Intense velvety maroon; 6 to 7 in. across. Free bloomer.

**Maid of Kent.**—Ground color rich crimson, overlaid with intense cherry red; tips of petals pure white.

**Mrs. Peart.**—The first real white Cactus Dahlia ever raised. Petals beautifully quilled, borne on long stems.

**Professor Baldwin.**—Deep orange-scarlet; fine.

**Wm. Pierce.**—Exquisite and pure golden yellow.

**Violet Morgan.**—Base of florets cream or fawn, shaded toward edge with delicate pink; extra-fine sort.

**Zulu.**—Darkest maroon, really almost black.

Price of the above Dahlias, 20 cents each for roots, 6 for \$1; plants, 15 cents, 4 for 50 cents, 9 plants for \$1. After May 1 we can only supply plants.

## GRAND NEW DECORATIVE DAHLIAS.

**Clifford W. Bruton.**—Finest yellow decorative Dahlia ever produced. Always winner of first prizes. Exceedingly free bloomer; flowers large and full to the center. Strong roots, 50 cents; plants, 25 cents.

**Wm. Agnew.**—Grand; more than 7 inches across; rich shade of dazzling red. One of the best for cut flowers; many first prizes. Strong roots, 30 cts; plants, 15 cts.

**Red and Black.**—A gorgeous combination. Petals rich velvety red, edged with black; flowers large, well formed. Strong roots, 30 cents; plants, 15 cents.

One plant of each of the above for 45 cents.

## NEW BOUQUET DAHLIAS.

**Daybreak.**—A clear flesh color, occasionally mottled darker; very profuse bloomer.

**Eleganta.**—A superb quilled soft pink, tipped deep pink, reflex light pink; beautiful.

**Miss Lou Kramer.**—Base of petals yellow, tipped bright crimson, overlaid bright pink.

**Prince Charming.**—White, pencilled, heavily tipped purple-pink; very free.

**Red Piper.**—Brightest shade of crimson-scarlet; awarded first prize; most profuse bloomer.

**Snowclad.**—Finest white pompon to date; very profuse bloomer. First prize awarded. Extra dwarf.

**Sprig.**—Rich buff-yellow, shaded and tipped bright red, pink and purple.

Roots, 25 cents each; plants, 15 cents.



## 15 SELECTED DECORATIVE DAHLIAS.

**Annie Harvey.**—Very rich crimson; grand. **Constancy.**—Orange, shaded bronze, tipped white.

**Countess of Pembroke.**—Extra-fine lilac.

**Electric.**—Dazzling red; very profuse.

**Empress of India.**—Deep crimson-black.

**Henry Patrick.**—Best white; extra fine.

**Lady Montague.**—Rich salmon, striped white.

**Miss Barry.**—Beautiful imperial purple.

**Mrs. A. Newell.**—Mahogany red; beautiful.

**Mrs. Geo. Reed.**—White, edged rosy lake.

**Nymphaea.**—Pink and white; floriferous.

**Oriental.**—Pale salmon; fine form.

**Oban.**—Silvery fawn; one of the very largest.

**Rayon d'Or.**—Bright orange, banded white.

**Wiltshire Lass.**—French white; long stems.

## SELECTION OF BEST LARGE SHOW AND FANCY DAHLIAS.

**A. D. Livoni.**—Soft pink; quilled petals.

**Arabella.**—Primrose, tipped lavender.

**Bird of Passage.**—White, tipped pink.

**Burgundy.**—Rich, dark puce; very fine form.

**Colibri.**—Deep scarlet; good bedder.

**Earl of Ravensworth.**—Lilac; grand sort.

**Eclipse.**—Bright orange-scarlet; fine form.

**Ethel Britton.**—Blush white, edged purple.

**Elegans.**—Rosy purple, striped white; fine.

**Fern Leaf Beauty.**—White, margined crimson.

**Flag of Truce.**—White, tipped purple; large.

**George Smith.**—Bright magenta; splendid.

**Gloire de Lyon.**—Pure white. First prize.

**James Vick.**—Intense purple maroon; dwarf.

**James Stephens.**—Bright orange-scarlet.

**James Cocker.**—Large, purple; fine form.

**John Walker.**—White; large flower.

**John Standish.**—Bright red; constant.

**Keystone.**—Pink, striped crimson; fine.

**Lemon Giant.**—Very large; golden yellow.

**Lucy Fawcett.**—Pale straw; pencilled rose.

**Marguerite.**—Very beautiful lilac; pretty color.

**Miss Browning.**—Yellow, tipped white; grand.

**Miss Florence Shearer.**—New; clear lilac.

**Miss May Lomas.**—New; white, suffused rose.

**Miss Thatcher.**—Rich pale yellow; free.

**Miss Cannell.**—White, tipped rose; extra.

**Mrs. Gladstone.**—First prize; soft blush.

**Mrs. Langtry.**—Cream color, tipped carmine.

**Olm Fere.**—Deep saffron; quilled; dwarf.

**Paul's Scarlet.**—Extra bright glowing scarlet.

**Penelope.**—White, flaked lavender; prize-taker.

**Pluton.**—The finest of all the yellows.

**President.**—White, shaded lavender; fine sort.

**Royal Queen.**—Creamy ground; edged purple.

**Ruby Queen.**—Clear ruby-red; shaded.

**S. Sickman.**—Beautiful peach color.

**Snow.**—Pure white; extra fine; good form.

**Solfaterre.**—Bright sulphur-yellow; rich color.

**Souvenir de Mme. Moreau.**—Deep red-pink.

**Sunbeam.**—Pinkish white, tipped purple.



### THE GREEN DAHLIA.

Always attracts a crowd at exhibitions, and is really well worth growing. Plants only, 20c.

**Triomphe de Solferino.**—Red; immense size.

**Village Maid.**—New; primrose, shaded red.

**Willie Garratt.**—Bright cardinal; good form.

**Wacht am Rhein.**—Peculiar shade of lilac.

## EXTRA-FINE BOUQUET DAHLIAS.

**F. T. Jungker.**—Finest shade of golden amber.

**Dr. Webb.**—Very dark crimson; effective.

**Guiding Star.**—Quilled petals, pure white.

**Kleine Domatia.**—Salmon-buff; excellent.

**Little Jack.**—Rich crimson-maroon.

**Little Frank.**—Light amber, shaded salmon.

**Little Prince.**—Red, tipped white; earliest.

**Little Valentine.**—Bright purple-maroon.

**Loveliness.**—White, tipped pink and purple.

**Marguerite Bruant.**—Pure white; extra good.

**Sunshine.**—Brilliant scarlet-orange.

**Scarlet Gem.**—Exquisite shade of scarlet.

**Vivid.**—Bright crimson-scarlet; first prize.

**Sappho.**—Dark maroon, tipped blush.

Price, of all Dahlias on this page: Roots, 20 cents each, 3 for 50 cents, 6 for \$1, 12 for \$1.75; plants, after May, 15 cents each, 4 for 50 cents, 9 for \$1, 20 for \$2.

Dahlias without names: Roots, 15c. ea., 4 for 50c., 9 for \$1, 20 for \$2; plants, 12c. ea., 5 for 50c., 12 for \$1.

Plants will in all cases bloom earlier and even more profusely than roots.



## AMARYLLIS (*Hippeastrum*)



**Arthemise.**—New. White, banded with vermilion; immense flowers. Something entirely unique. \$1.

**Aulica.**—A Brazilian species of great merit. The color is rich, deep crimson, with a bold, green star, that is sometimes prolonged to the extremities of the divisions, which are so broad as to overlap and form a grand flower. An excellent fall and winter bloomer. \$1.50 for extra-fine bulbs.

**Aurea** (*Lycoris aurea*).—This is the so-called Golden Amaryllis, with most beautiful golden yellow flowers in large clusters. 25c.

**Belladonna.**—A noble flower from the Cape of Good Hope; perfectly hardy south of Washington, and even further north if planted a foot deep and covered. The flowers appear in the fall, and are of the most beautiful satiny rose imaginable, and of exquisite fragrance. Six to 12 flowers in a cluster. Large bulbs, 25 cents.

**Belladonna Spectabilis Bicolor.**—The finest of all the Belladonna lilies; flowers larger than the type, on stalks 1½ to 2 feet high; deep, silvery, pubescent rose, and often striped or marbled in bright carmine; the perfume is delicious. 35 cents.

**Cleopatra.**—Bright, purplish red, very dark; immense flowers. 75 cents.

**Croceum Grandiflorum.**—A very free bloomer; brilliant orange flowers with white stripes. 75 cents.

**Defiance.**—Blooms nearly the entire season; flowers extremely large, carmine-red, with bars of white running through the petals; flowers lined and penciled with white. 75 cents.

**Equestre** (Barbadoes Lily).—A free bloomer, and of good size. Orange-red with a green star in center. 20 cents.

**Amaryllis, Formosissima.**—Intense dark red, velvety flower; certain to bloom early in the year. 15 cents.

**Fulgida.**—Large flowers; deep crimson, veined white; robust grower; generally bears two flower-spikes. 75 cents.

**Johnsoni.**—Fine form; yearly bloomer; a deep crimson-scarlet, with white stripe through center of petal; large bulbs. 35 cts.

**Oriflamme.**—New. White, banded with salmon-red, shading to green. \$1.

**Refulgens.**—Glowing vermilion, clear deep and brilliant, of perfect form; always bears four flowers to a spike, or frequently two spikes. 75 cents.

**Vittata.**—Beautiful hybrids, embracing many colors, such as white striped with pink, scarlet and crimson, or crimson marbled with white; very free bloomers. 25 cents to \$1.

**Unnamed.**—We grow thousands of Amaryllis from seed; as almost every one is distinct, it is impossible to name them. Some of these bear flowers 8 to 10 inches across, and are grand indeed; others are smaller and of exquisite colors. We furnish these unnamed sorts at 35 cents each, 5 for \$1, for bulbs that will soon bloom; bulbs that have bloomed the previous year at 50 cents. Many remarkable novelties will be found among them. 10 seeds for 10 cents.

## CRINUMS.

**Americanum.**—Pure white, sweet-scented flowers. 15 cents.

**Capense Alba.**—A pure white, sweet-scented flower; bulb hardy with slight protection. 25 cents.

**Capense Roseum.**—Same as above; flowers pure pink; large and very fragrant. 25 cents.

**Kirkii.**—Immense heads of white flowers with carmine stripe through center; very large bulbs, weighing one pound; 50 cents; smaller, 25 cents.

For other Crinums, see our special catalogue of foreign bulbs.



**Crinum Kirkii.**





Gorgeous French Anemones.

### FRENCH ANEMONES.

**Garden Beauty**—Last year we planted as late as *July*, and were delighted with the mass of flowers produced from September until December, all colors being represented. Exhibited at the dahlia show they excited much interest. Their dwarf growth, pretty foliage, and large, elegant flowers, should find them a place in every garden. Planted late in the fall they will bloom early following spring. Soak bulbs in water before planting. 10 for 15 cts., 20 for 25 cts., 50 for 50 cts.

### MONTBRETIAS.

**Blazing Stars.**—If grown in pots and kept over until next year, the bulbs will multiply 50 to one. 5 kinds: *Aurea*, golden yellow; *Crocsmiceflora*, yellow and orange; *Elegans*, yellow and vermillion; *Rosea*, pink; *Pottsi*, orange red. Named sorts, 5 cents each, the 5 for 20 cents, 5 of each for 75 cents; mixed sorts, 4 for 10 cents, 15 for 25 cts., 40 for 50 cts., 100 for \$1.

### SEA DAFFODIL.

**Pancratium Maritimum** is a beautiful hardy white amaryllis-like flower; delightfully fragrant. 10 cts. *Pink Spider Lily*, 10 cts.

### JAPANESE IRIS.

Immense and gorgeous flowers; indescribable array of colors; no garden should be without them. Strong clumps, sure to bloom, 10 cents, 3 for 25 cents.

### AMORPHOPHALLUS SIMLENSE.

A very remarkable flower, 15 inches long, the inside of peculiar golden color, spotted purple; the back is metallic brown. Fine palm-like foliage. 10 cents, 3 for 25 cents.



Montbretias—Blazing Stars.



Sea Daffodil.



Japanese Iris.



Amorphophallus Simlense.





### HIGH-CLASS AMERICAN GLADIOLI.

Dr. W. Van Fleet, of Little Silver, N. J., who undoubtedly is the ablest authority on Gladioli of the day, has made a special study of Gladioli, having grown all the known species and varieties and raised thousands of seedlings. Previous to putting a collection of named sorts on the market, he has placed at our disposal a large number of bulbs of the very finest quality. Seedlings produced by careful hybridization from such high-class species as Saundersi, Lemoinei, Nanceianus, Childsi, and the best Gandavensis. We positively guarantee that these Gladioli cannot be equalled by any other mixture. These Gladioli have new blood in them. They are healthy, strong, vigorous, and are raised from seed. They combine all the known colors among Gladioli, even gray and bluish tints, pure whites, pure yellows, and other colors scarce among Gladioli. Spikes are large and well filled with flowers.

Price, for large bulbs, sure to bloom, 3 for 12 cents; 7 for 25 cents; 15 for 50 cents; 40 for \$1; 100 for \$2.

**A Good Gladiolus Mixture** at 5 for 10 cents; 25 for 30 cents; 50 for 60 cents; 100 for \$1. At these prices we pay the postage; or, we will send larger bulbs by express. These Gladioli are of blooming and of very fine quality, almost every one producing a distinct flower.



### AMERICAN, JAPANESE AND HIMALAYAN LILIES.

**Lilium Auratum** (Golden Banded Lily).—Enormous flowers, often one foot across. Creamy white, spotted with pink and gold; a golden band down centre.

**Lilium Candidum**.—Beautiful, large, purest white flowers. One of the easiest to grow and bloom.

**Lilium Elegans**.—Fine, bell-shaped flowers, in dense clusters, of a deep crimson-scarlet color.

**Lilium Longiflorum** (Easter Lily).—A profuse and early bloomer. Pure white, sweet flowers.

**Lilium Pardalinum** (The Leopard Lily).—An elegant combination of red and golden yellow, the petals being of a deep yellow, tipped with crimson.

**Lilium Speciosum Roseum**.—White, shaded and spotted with deep rose and carmine. Very sweet.

**Lilium Splendens** (Leopoldi).—A most magnificent flower of large size. Pure scarlet. Very distinct.

**Lilium Tigrinum**.—Perfectly hardy and certainly a very fine garden plant. Flowers orange yellow.

**Lilium Tigrinum, fl. pl.**—The double-flowered sort of the Tiger Lily. Very beautiful. Quite distinct.

**Lilium Umbellatum**.—Produced in dense clusters or umbels. Colors—Yellow, pink and orange.

**Lilium Superbum**.—A grand and perfectly hardy Lily, growing frequently 5 to 6 feet high, and crowned with dozens of golden yellow flowers, spotted with red.

All the above lilies at 10 cents each; 12 of your choice, for \$1.

A 32-page illustrated list of bulbs, 5 cents.



# New and Rare Plants.

We call especial attention to these plants, as *many of them are now offered for the first time, and cannot be had elsewhere.*

**ALPINIA** (Shell-flower).—This grows like a tall canna and produces long, drooping sprays of orchid-like flowers of waxy white, with a bright yellow crimped shell-like lip shaded with crimson; very sweetly scented. Loves plenty of heat and water. 25 cents; 3 for 50 cents.

**ANTHERICUM Picturatum.**—This is often mistaken for the grand *Pandanus Veitchii*. Its graceful, arching leaves are *white edged with green*. The feathery flowers are followed by young plants remaining attached to the spike, but droop way below the pot. 15 cents to 50 cents.

**ALTHEA, Jeanne d'Arc.**—A dwarf, new, hardy, double white Hollyhock, blooming a foot high, and also an excellent pot plant. This is really desirable. 25 cents.

**ALOCASIA Macrorrhiza Variegata.**—One of the most striking ornamental plants in existence. Immense upright, fleshy leaves, when fully grown 2 feet long and 1 foot wide. Some leaves are pure white, others all green, while the majority are distinctly "patched" (not marbled or blotched) with white and green; leaf stems usually white. Curious calla-like flowers. 50 cents to \$1, up to \$5.

**ANEMONE, Lady Ardilaum.**—Grand garden plants, bearing numerous sprays crowned with large, pure white flowers.

**A. Honorine Joubert.**—Similar to the above, but with pink flowers.

**A. Fulgens.** Brilliant scarlet; extra fine.  
15 cents each; the 3 for 35 cents.

**BOMARIA Oculata.**—A beautiful vine with rich, dark green foliage, surviving a temperature of 20 degrees below freezing. It is profusely covered with rich, dark wine-colored bell-shaped flowers. Fuller description in our catalogue of Bulbs, page 9. Price of plants 25 cts.

**BRAVOA Geminiflora.**—Mexican Twin Flower. Will give a mass of long spikes, each loaded with scarlet flowers of the greatest brilliancy during the entire season. 20 cents.

**CENTROPOGON.**—Large and beautiful rosy carmine tubular flowers on long recurring branches. Always in bloom in winter. 25 cents.

**CENTROSEMA, White Lady.**—A pure white form of this elegant hardy garden half-climber; flowers nearly two inches, like an inverted sweet pea; entirely new. 25 cents; seed 10 cents.

**EUPHORBIA Jacquiniflora** (Scarlet Plume).—An eminent florist told us a short time ago that he would grow a house full of this for cutting if he could get the plants, but they are scarce and difficult to propagate. Our greatest floral artist, Mr. Battles, has been paying high prices for all the sprays that he could buy. Its long, slender branches are clustered with hundreds of the

brightest orange-scarlet flowers imaginable. They last for three weeks in water. Requires rich soil and generous treatment. 30 cents.

**HEDYSARUM Multijugum** (Violet Bush Honey-suckle).—Introduced from Mongolia through the Cambridge Botanical Gardens, this handsome, hardy shrub has been recommended as a most desirable novelty. It grows 3 to 5 feet high, branching close to the ground. Foliage dense, small and beautiful. Flowers numerous, deep violet; with yellow blotches on the inner surface, and produced in sprays 12 to 18 inches long. A handsome novelty. Strong plants, 40 cents.

**HYPERICUM Tricolor.**—A grand acquisition for the garden; the leaves are variegated with white and green and edged with rose and crimson. Flowers large and yellow; would make a fine basket plant when young, the branches being slender. 30 cents.

**IRIS Robinsoniana.**—The Wedding Flower of Lord Howe Island. An evergreen Iris, growing 5 to 6 feet high. Flowers by the hundred; pure white, with a golden horse-shoe on the lower fall. Large plants, only \$1, prepaid.

**I. Shamrock.**—The genuine *Iris Shamrock* has never been offered in this country. It is a plant that will appeal to the patriotic heart of a great many flower-lovers. It is a pretty plant as well. Seed only, 10 cents per packet. Imported direct from Cork, Ireland, and warranted genuine.

**MICHAUXIA Campanulata.**—A curious, short climber, with very large, bell-shaped flowers tinged with purple. 30 cents.

**ORIENTAL POPPIES.**—The giant of the garden; flowers frequently measure a foot across and of the most glowing scarlet in existence. Showiest of all flowers; perfectly hardy. 15 cents.

**PASSIFLORA Lutea.**—A perfectly hardy Passion Flower with pale yellow flowers. We do not think this is offered elsewhere. 20 cents.

**PERESKIA Bleo.**—A strong climber; grown in greenhouse or in large pots outside, it bears large clusters of sweet-scented waxy pink flowers, not unlike a large single rose. 25 cents.

**RUDBECKIA Purpurea.**—Just a few plants of this very rare hardy perennial. Might be called a miniature purple sunflower. 25 cents; fine colored plate, 10 cents.

**SWAINSONA Violacea.**—A new dwarf Swainsona, covered with violet-rose flowers. 25 cents.

**TROPÆOLUM Tricolor.**—A delicate twining vine, exceedingly beautiful for pot culture and bearing large quantities of delightful waxy-like flowers with striking colors. Orange, tipped with black and purple. A real beauty. 15 cents.

**VERBENA Erinoides.**—This moss Verbena is covered the whole season with small rosy flowers; few plants could possibly be more floriferous.

**BOUGAINVILLEA Sanderiana.**—We have not said half enough about this glorious plant. Every one should have it. Specimens sold here last year at \$20 each. You can have one with but little patience. See page 22. Colored plate, 10 cents.





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A COMPLETE GARDEN LIKE THIS FOR \$1.

## SURE Summer-blooming BULBS for

# \$1.00

Express  
Prepaid.

This garden is made up of **100 choice bulbous plants** sure to bloom soon after planting, and continuing until winter. They multiply rapidly, and can be lifted and planted again next year. We guarantee them to give satisfaction, and that they cannot be had elsewhere for less than **three dollars!** The collection consists of **100 Bulbs**, in at least 15 varieties, such as rare **Amaryllis**, **Giant Begonias**, gorgeous **Cannas**, **Callas**, showy **Gladioli**, **Gloxinias**, **Japanese Iris**, **Hardy Lilies**, sparkling **Montbretias**, charming **Oxalis**, fragrant **Tuberose**s, several hardy sweet-scented **Climbers**, and others. The entire collection by express, prepaid, and with plan for laying out the garden.

The 100 bulbs for \$1, or 50 bulbs in smaller assortment for 50 cents, or 25 bulbs for 30 cents.

## SPECIAL OFFERS.

With every order selected from this catalogue before June 1, and to be sent by express at purchaser's expense, we send **ABSOLUTELY FREE OF ANY CHARGE, 100 FINE EXCELSIOR DWARF TUBEROSES, or 50 FINE**

**GLADIOLI, or 10 CANNAS.** We can not sell these Tuberose for less than \$1 per 100 or 50 cents for 50, but we can give them away by special arrangement with the grower.

**\$5 will be paid October 1 for the largest flower of Canna Italia or Austria.**

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<b>Amaryllis, Veitch's.</b> —Grand . . .	2 for 50c.; 5 for \$1 00	<b>Ixias.</b> —Choicest assortment . . .	10 for 15c.; 100 for \$1 00
<b>Anemones.</b> —Early bloomers . . .	10 " 15c.; 120 " 1 00	<b>Japanese Iris.</b> For the garden . . .	10 " 25c.; 50 " 1 00
<b>Antholyza.</b> —Fine winter bloomer . . .	2 " 10c.; 12 " 50	<b>Narcissus.</b> —In five fine sorts . . .	10 " 25c.; 50 " 1 00
<b>Buttercup, Oxalis.</b> —Fine yellow. . .	3 " 10c.; 20 " 50	<b>Oxalis.</b> —Many colors, mixed . . .	10 " 15c.; 120 " 1 00
<b>Chinese Sacred Lilies.</b> —Grand . . .	2 " 25c.; 10 " 1 00	<b>Pæonies.</b> —Best planted in autumn. . .	2 " 5c.; 5 " 50
<b>Cinnamon Vine.</b> —Climber . . .	10 " 15c.; 100 " 1 00	<b>Poeticus Ornatus.</b> —Extra fine . . .	10 " 25c.; 50 " 1 00
<b>Cocade Hyacinths.</b> —Delightful. . .	10 " 25c.; 50 " 1 00	<b>Ranunculus.</b> —Very hardy . . .	10 " 15c.; 100 " 1 00
<b>Crocus.</b> —Giant sorts; extra . . .	10 " 15c.; 120 " 1 00	<b>Scilla Clusi</b> (Peruvian Lily) . . .	2 " 20c.; 6 " 50
<b>Cyclamen.</b> —Hardy sort; giant. . .	2 " 15c.; 8 " 50	<b>Scarlet Freesias.</b> —Fine flowers . . .	10 " 15c.; 100 " 1 00
<b>Daffodils.</b> —Fine for winter . . .	10 " 25c.; 50 " 1 00	<b>Scarlet Spider Lily.</b> —Very rare . . .	4 " 25c.; 20 " 1 00
<b>Double White Narcissus.</b> —Sweet. . .	10 " 25c.; 50 " 1 00	<b>Snowdrops.</b> —Monster blooms . . .	10 " 15c.; 100 " 1 00
<b>Double Yellow Sacred Lily</b> . . .	10 " 25c.; 50 " 1 00	<b>Star Flowers, Ixias.</b> —Sweet . . .	10 " 15c.; 100 " 1 00
<b>Easter Lilies.</b> —Large-flowering . . .	2 " 15c.; 8 " 50	<b>Tulips.</b> —Single; grand colors . . .	10 " 25c.; 50 " 1 00
<b>Freesia</b> (White).—Plant early . . .	3 " 10c.; 20 " 50	" Double, immense . . .	10 " 25c.; 50 " 1 00
<b>Grape Hyacinths.</b> —Very charming . . .	10 " 15c.; 100 " 1 00	<b>White Callas.</b> —Large-flowering . . .	2 " 25c.; 10 " 50
<b>Giant Golden Sacred Lilies</b> . . .	10 " 25c.; 45 " 1 00	<b>Spotted " . . .</b> . . .	2 " 10c.; 12 " 50
<b>Golden Star Narcissus.</b> —Extra . . .	10 " 25c.; 50 " 1 00	<b>Winter Gladioli.</b> —White and red. . .	10 " 25c.; 50 " 1 00
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<b>Iris Hispanica.</b> —Exquisite . . .	10 " 15c.; 120 " 1 00	<b>Zephyranthes.</b> —Zephyr Flowers . . .	10 " 25c.; 50 " 1 00

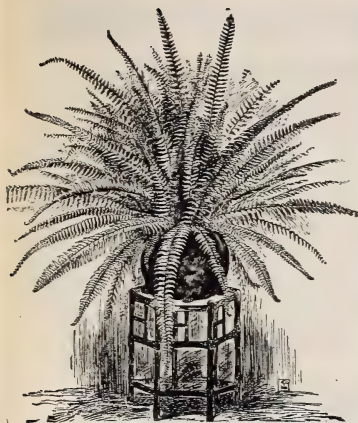
For orders to the amount of 50 cents or over we will send one-half of any of the above collections at one-half the price quoted. Send to us for any other bulbs or plants you want; if we haven't them we'll get them for you.

## Collections of Bulbs for Fall Planting at Reduced Prices.

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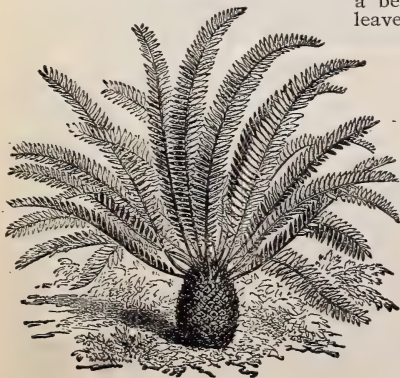


### THE BOSTON FERN.

**Nephrolepis Exaltata Bostoniensis.**—Next to Asparagus Sprengeri, this is one of the most popular parlor plants to-day. It differs from other Ferns in having much longer fronds, which frequently attain a length of 4 feet. These fronds arch and droop over gracefully, hence it is sometimes called the Fountain Fern. The plant stands dry heat remarkably well, and makes fine single specimens for tables or halls; grows beautifully in Jadoo. 15 cents up to \$6 for immense specimens.

### ASPARAGUS SPRENGERI.

When making up your order for Palms, etc., do not forget Asparagus Sprengeri—the Abyssinian Parlor Fern. We grow 60,000 plants of it. Price, 15 cents to \$10. Send for pictures of large specimens.



**Zamia Integrifolia.**

## AUSTRALIAN TREE FERNS.

**Alsophila Australis.**—In all first-class greenhouses and at floral exhibitions, these Ferns are always in evidence. Their elegant airy fronds of fresh pale green color are like delicate lace work, and yet when young they make a most excellent house plant. Given an abundance of water in the saucers, they grow amazingly in a short space of time, soon forming very valuable specimens. Fine young plants for room culture, 25 cents, 50 cents and \$1. Large specimens, with heavy trunks, \$5 to \$10.

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**Australian Tree Fern.**



**The Sago Palm.**

### THE SAGO PALM.

**Cycas revoluta** is the noblest Palm in existence. Every one who has seen large specimens of this Japanese wonder must admit that it is without a rival. Its deep green, shiny and everlasting foliage, curving so gracefully, is extensively used for decorating; large leaves selling at \$5 per pair, while large plants frequently bring from \$200 to \$500 per pair; specimens hundreds of years old are known. Extra fine for lawn, porches, entries, etc. Price, small plants, 50 cents; larger, \$1 up to \$20.

### BOOK ON CACTUS.

100 pages, full of illustrations. Price, 10 cents. We have 700 sorts of Cactuses. Catalogue free.

### THE GOLDEN MORN-

**ING GLORY**, page 31, is frequently covered with 1,000 flowers.

### WASHINGTONIA FILIFERA.

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**Washingtonia Filifera Palm.**





**Bougainvillea Sanderiana.**

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**New Dwarf Justicia Velutina.**

## Three High-Class Novelties.

### THE SHAMROCK PEA.

#### Parochetus or Blue Oxalis.

It's just an elegant little beauty. Leaves like an Oxalis; dark, emerald green, frequently marked with a peacock eye, as shown. Upon them trail gracefully, glistening like a mosaic, the divine flowers of the deepest cobalt blue, set off with a pink centre. Not another flower like it. It's a real sparkling little jewel, which grows as readily as an Oxalis, and is in bloom the whole year round. A charming rock plant, and more desirable for pots or baskets. Price, 25 cents each. Seed, 10 cents.

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**With Vitis Coignetia, 80 cents.**



**Parochetus—The Shamrock Pea.**

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**The Japanese Crimson Glory Vine.** The horticultural journals of both hemispheres have devoted pages in praising the magnificent crimson color of its leaves in the fall, which is beyond description. A celebrated English horticulturist "could not sleep after seeing the vine and being told he could not get it." We now have it, and *Gardening* gives us credit for offering it for 40 cents a plant, while in England \$2 is asked for it. It will quickly cover porch, trellis or dead trees with its beautiful foliage.



# Three Japanese Novelties.

## DWARF FLOWERING CHERRY.

Nothing could be more beautiful than one of these little cherry trees in full bloom, and you can have them. They are artificially dwarfed and can be grown to perfection in a 6- or 8-inch pot. If brought in the house or conservatory in gentle warmth, they will come in flower in two or three weeks. A succession of plants can be had in bloom for months. The flowers last for nearly two weeks after opening and are delightfully fragrant. Very double, large, and shaded from white to pink. Even branches cut off and placed in water will expand their buds. Will remain dwarf for years. Fine plants, imported direct from Japan, 60 cents each; 4 for \$2. A plant that will please you. Can only be sent by express.

**We have Japanese Porcelain Flower Pots for them at all Prices. Send for Catalogue.**



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**Spiræa Anthony Waterer** is of Japanese origin, and, although just introduced, is already acknowledged as the ideal florists' plant. When scarcely three inches high, it begins to bloom, and thereafter is seldom out of flower. As a house plant, nothing can equal it. In the garden it will make a plant 3 feet high and wide, and will be covered with heads 1 foot across, of brilliant crimson flowers. It was introduced last year by Mr. Waterer, at \$2 per plant, and was awarded several first-class certificates. Mr. Golding, of the Royal Gardens, Kew, says of it: "It is one of those exceptional novelties that occurs only at rare intervals." Of easiest growth. Our price, 20 cents to \$1 each, according to size.

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**Dwarf Flowering Cherry.**

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Exceedingly attractive little foliage plants for high-class decoration indoors or out. Like the cherries, they are also dwarfed and twisted, and frequently many kinds grafted on one stem. The foliage is a picture—hundreds of colors are represented; yellow, green, pink, scarlet, brown, and hundreds of variegations. Many different forms of leaves. First-class window plant. Fine, hardy, imported plants, assorted, 50 cents each; five for \$2. Seed of fine mixed sorts, 10 cents.



**Dwarf Japanese Maples.**





**Abutilon Souvenir de Bonn.**



**Acorus Japonica Variegata.**



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**ABUTILON SOUVENIR DE BONN (New).**—Bright green leaves, distinctly and broadly margined pure white. Long-stemmed flowers, of golden yellow veined with scarlet, standing well out of the foliage. Blooms very freely all the year round. Makes fine specimens as pot plant or bedded out. A plant that will please you. We recommend it highly. 15 cents.

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Any four 15-cent plants for 50 cents, or 10 for \$1. Any three 20-cent plants for 50 cents, or 7 for \$1. Any three 25-cent plants for 60 cents, or 6 for \$1.



**Allamanda Williamsii.**



**Alstroemeria Peruviana.**





**Amsonia—Lilac Blossom.**



**Asparagus Sprengeri.**



**Aerva Sanguinea—Blood Leaf.**

**AMSONIA—Lilac Blossom.**  
Quite an attraction to the garden, the foliage retaining its fresh green color until late in the season, when it can be cut with its panicles of light blue and lilac flowers. Grows about 2 feet high and perfectly hardy. Distinct. 15 cents.

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(New.) Perhaps the best new plant introduced within ten years! Highly praised everywhere; handsomest seen drooping from a pot or basket. Sprays 4 to 5 feet long, of fresh green feathery foliage, useful for bouquets, wreaths or sprays; remaining perfect for weeks after cutting. Grows freely the whole year round. Extremely valuable for all purposes. Flowers white, followed by red berries. A plant that will please you. 15 cents to \$2; seed, 10 cents.

**AERVA SANGUINEA—Blood Leaf.**

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**ASPIDISTRA VARIEGATA—Silver Shield.**

Aspidistra Variegata—Silver Shield—is a good name for this fine ornamental-leaved Japanese plant. There is absolutely no other that will stand more ill-treatment, such as dust, dry air, want of light, etc. Leaves long, broad, shining, alternately striped green and pure white; frequently some entirely green, others all white. Likes lots of water and grows in water; hardy down South. We recommend it highly. 30 cents to \$1. The plain green-leaved sort, 20 cents.

**ANTIGONON — Mountain Rose.**  
Numberless clusters of deep pink blossoms so completely cover the vine as to almost hide the foliage. Grand and effective when grown in a sunny spot. Hardy with slight covering. Highly praised. 15 cents; seed, 5 cents.

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**Aspidistra Variegata—Silver Shield.**



**Anthericum Liliastrium.**



**Antigonon—Mountain Rose.**





**Mammoth-flowering Begonias.**



**Hardy Begonia Evansiana.**



**Double-flowering Begonias.**

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Flowers often 6 inches, lasting a long time, and ranging in colors from white to pink, rose, scarlet, and all their intermediate shades; also yellow. Fine roots, 10 cents each, 3 for 25 cents, 8 for 50 cents, with Jadoo to start them.

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**Fancy-leaved.**—Five beautiful sorts, 15 cents each, 5 for 60 cts.

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**The Queen.**—Leaves a splendid iridescent metallic red. Flowers pink and coral.

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**The 3 New Begonias, 50 cents each, the 3 for \$1.25.**

## HARDY CYCLAMEN.

Thick, leathery leaves, beautifully blotched grey and white. Flowers white, pink and red. Monster bulbs, 15 cents each, 4 for 50 cents, and Jadoo.



**Giant Prize Gloxinias.**



**Fancy-leaved Begonia.**

## GIANT PRIZE GLOXINIAS.

Rich velvety leaves, large heads of waxy flowers of all colors. Fine large imported bulbs, 3 for 25 cents, and enough Jadoo to start them in; 7 fine bulbs for 50 cents.



**Hardy Italian Cyclamen.**





### CALLA, LITTLE GEM.

Seldom grows over 10 inches high, yet bears many sweet flowers of good size. An excellent plant. 20 cents. *The old white large-flowering Calla*, 20 cents; extra large, 30 cents.

### THE LEOPARD CALLA.

Flowers often 15 inches long; inside peculiar golden, spotted with purple and brown blotches. Back of flower metallic brown. Large bulbs, 15 cents. *Special offer.*—We send the 5 *Callas* here named for 75 cents, including the yellow, \$1.25.

### CALANCHÆ MARMORATA.

New. Figured in *Botanical Magazine*. Very handsome; leaves fleshy, silvery, spotted with age. Flowers 4 inches; white and yellow. A plant that will please. 15 cts.; seed, 6 cts.



**Calanchæ marmorata.**



### FANCY CALADIUMS.

Nothing can equal these in brilliancy of foliage. To say that there are over 400 combinations of colors is sufficient—all colors, except blue, being represented. Leaves often 18 inches in size! Plants or bulbs, 20 cents and up to \$1 each.

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Is a bold-looking plant of good habit, producing dense heads of rosy white jessamine-scented flowers, remaining perfect a long while, and forming a bouquet of their own. A plant that will please you. Distinct. 20 cents.

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Flowers white and crimson, in dense clusters; never out of bloom. 15 cents.



### BLACK CALLA.

The immense popularity of this is attested by the fact that one year we sold over \$6,000 worth of the bulbs! The flowers are *immense*; often 15 inches long and of a velvety purplish black; and have sold in New York at \$5 each. This is the Black Lily of Palestine, which was supposed to be a myth, 20 cents; seed, 10 cents.

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As large as the Lily of the Nile. Pure sulphur yellow, with purple throat; extremely rare; nearly equal to the Golden Lily, held at \$20. Price reduced to 50 cents.

### CARYOPTERIS.

The Blue Spirea has created a sensation wherever grown. Beautiful lilac flowers until the month of December. This is *extra good*. 15 cents.



**Caryopteris, Blue Spirea.**

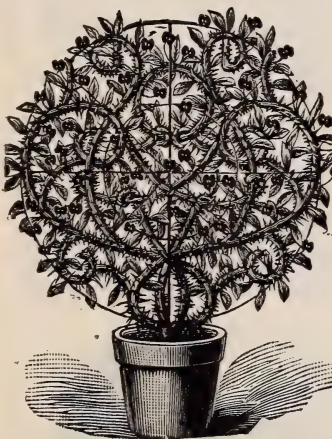


## EASTER CACTUS.

New **Crab Cactus**, distinct from any other. Always in bloom by Easter; very brilliant scarlet flowers, 50 cents; six others, 20 cents to \$1.



Easter Cactus.



Euphorbia—Crown of Thorns.

## CROWN OF THORNS.

We have seen the most beautiful specimens imaginable of these plants, trained in ornamental and complicated forms; highly valued by the owners. Our cut shows one of them; you can do likewise. When full of scarlet flowers and covered with green foliage they are certainly grand. A plant that will please you. Price, 20 cents to \$2; cuttings, 10 cents. Five rare Euphorbias, all distinct, \$1.

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Special Cacti Catalogue Free.

## Book on Cacti.

100 pages, 160 life-like illustrations, 10 cents. Sells in Europe at \$1.

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In 10 varieties, with or without soil, as desired, labels, book, etc., by express, for \$3; 5 for \$1.50.

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20 sorts, 50 cts. to \$2 each, by express.

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10 Cacti in Japanese Pots, \$3.

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Very rare, tall, upright growing. Very large flowers, of pale lemon yellow, and very fragrant, 30 cents; white, pink and red, 20 cents to \$2.



Yellow Flowering Cactus

**CACTUS SEED**  
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pkt.



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Here is an excellent succulent plant for winter blooming—never misses to reward you with dense clusters of pink and white fragrant flowers, lasting ever so long. Price, 20 cents.

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### 20 Rare Sorts.

Very large plants are cheaply sent by freight at \$1 each; 6 for \$5; 12 for \$10. Small plants, 5 for \$1, by mail. These plants are greatly admired. Seed, 8 cts.



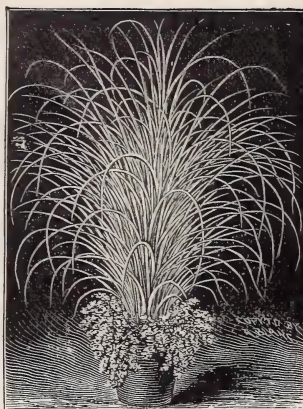
Century Plant.



**FICUS ELASTICA.**—High-class decorative plant for room culture. Leaves thick and leathery, dark glossy green, no other plant will stand as much ill usage; grows anywhere. 50 cents up to \$5.



**Rubber Plant.—Ficus Elastica.**



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First-class novelty, and an excellent table decorative plant. The fine delicate leaves, edged as with a band of gold, are most gracefully recurved and perpetually in motion; hence, without the stiffness of so many other plants used as table ornaments. A gem for jardinières. Useful for many purposes, 20 cents; large clumps, 50 cents.

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Exceedingly ornamental, rapid growing. In three years will grow 15 feet high and 8 feet through and become very valuable. Has sold at \$100! 15 cents, by mail; or larger, 50 cents to \$10.

**DYCKIA SULPHUREA.**

Miniature Century Plant. Blooms when one year old. Fine spikes, 2 to 3 feet, deep golden flowers. 20 cents to \$1.

**SPECIAL OFFER.**—1 Pourrettia, 1 Carex, 1 Croton, 1 Cyperus, 1 Areca, 1 Euphorbia, for \$1.25. A fine collection of plants.



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Any four 15-cent plants for 50 cents, or 10 for \$1. Any three 20-cent plants for 50 cents, or 7 for \$1. Any three 25-cent plants for 60 cents, or 6 for \$1.





Double New Life Geranium.



Clerodendron Balfouri.

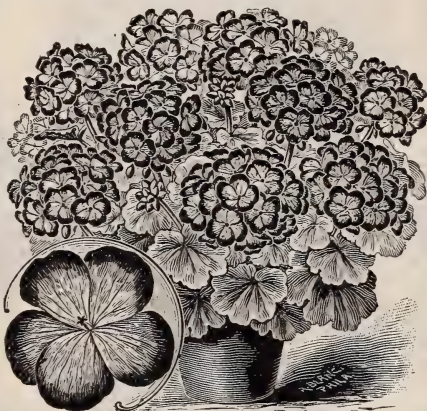


**SINGLE NEW LIFE GERANIUM.**

For over five years we have had a plant which has *never* been out of bloom, but has been covered with clusters of creamy white and carmine flowers. No novelty could be more beautiful. 15 cents.

**DOUBLE NEW LIFE GERANIUM.**

A sensational novelty sent out from England at \$2.50 each!! A new departure in every way. The outer florets are large, of a brilliant red; in the center of these appear another pure white floret, effecting a charming contrast difficult to realize. Plant dwarf and floriferous; always very scarce. Our plants are remarkably nice and bloom profusely. 20 cts.; 3 for 50 cts.



Pansy Geranium.

**ROYAL COLEUS.**

Messrs. Sander & Co.'s latest and best **English Novelties** sent out at \$1 and \$2 each, such as **Prince Albert Edward, Golden King, Fascinator, Green and Gold, Mrs. Sander.** These represent a most bewildering array of colors. Also the **New Coleus, Klondike**, the various colors of which are beyond description. All at 15 cents each; the 6 for 70 cents.

**GYNURA AURANTIACA.**

**Purple Velvet Plant** seems an appropriate name, the leaves being always taken as artificial. They, and the stems are entirely covered with purple hairs. Shining, glistening, reflecting many new colors. 20 cents.

Introduced nearly 20 years ago at \$5 per plant. This has been entirely lost in this country until now. The flowers are very large, single; some are white, some all scarlet, others striped white and scarlet; sometimes an entire spike is red, another all white. The beauty and oddity of this effect can well be conceded. 25 cents, or with Double New Life, 40 cents.

**PANSY GERANIUM.**

**Mme. Bruant.** Another grand novelty. Flowers large, ivory-white, veined with lake, blending into a beautiful aureole of bright solferino. 20 cts; the 3 Geraniums, 55 cts.



Royal Coleus.



Gynura aurantiaca.





**Golden Morning Glory.**



**Giant Moonflower.**



**Golden Ipomæa.**

### THE GIANT MOONFLOWER.

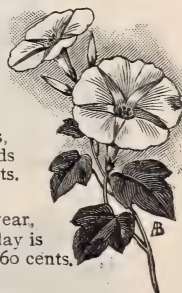
Entirely new. Described by the originator as bearing white flowers 6 to 8 inches across. More robust in growth (sometimes 40 feet). Flowers open about 5 P.M., and close at about 10 the following morning. More fragrant than jessamine or orange blossoms. Distinct. Highly ornamental. 20 cents; seed, 10 cents.

### THE TREE MORNING GLORY.

Grows in bush-like form, blooming richly from July until winter, and then indoors, if wanted. Flowers a beautiful rose, spotted with purple, borne in clusters. Needs full sun. (Originator's description.) All plants mailed free. 20 cents; seed, 10 cents.

### GOLDEN MORNING GLORY.

Dense clusters of bright golden yellow flowers, even in the depth of winter. Last year, \$1 each. Our price, 20 cents. **Purple Mexican Ipomæa.**—A thousand blossoms a day is not unusual from strong roots. Flowers deep purple. 15 cents. These four morning glories, 60 cents.



**HEUCHERA SANGUINEA.**

Crimson Bells, in graceful clusters, on slender stems, waft gently in the air above rosettes of nicely variegated foliage; and they are used for cutting, too. Perfectly hardy. Noted by the American Florists' Society as one of the 6 best red flowering plants. Distinct. 15 cents; seed, 10 cents.



**LOTUS—Coral Gem.**

Nothing prettier under the sun for a hanging basket. Delicate silvery green feathery foliage, drooping in a most graceful manner, and, when in flower, a grand sight, the brilliant, dazzling crimson buds resembling some quaint orchid. Pretty, whether in bloom or not. Price, 15 cents.



**DOUBLE GOLDEN CROWN.**

The double Hemerocallis is certainly a most beautiful flower, and it is strange that it has not been brought forward more prominently. Large golden yellow double flowers, with a carmine ring toward the centre. Perfectly hardy garden plant. Seed of eight sorts, mixed, 10 cts. Plant, 20 cts.





### RUELLIA DEVOSIANA.

A charming indoor plant for pots or baskets. Leaves velvety, dark olive green, distinctly lined with bands of silvery white and entirely purple underneath. Neat little flowers. It is of easy and rapid growth, soon making large plants, and branches cut off will remain fresh in water for nearly three weeks. Price, 20 cents.



### SOLANUM WENDLANDI.

The most gorgeous flowering climbing plant known. When only a few feet high, and even in the open ground, it will bear heads of flowers 2 feet and more in circumference, each with hundreds of lilac flowers  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches across. Not hardy North. A fine pot plant. Quite distinct. Sold originally at \$1.00, now 20 cents. One of each of the four plants on this page for 60 cents.



### TETRANEMA MEXICANA.

The Mexican Foxglove is new in this country. We have grown it, and it is never without its numerous bunches of pretty purplish-blue flowers from January until December. Its very neat foliage contrasts elegantly with the flowers. A first-class window gem, which can be grown by everyone. Plants, 20 cents; seed, 10 cents.



### CROTALARIA RETUSA.

As the Dwarf Yellow Pea, this has been extensively advertised this year. It grows about 2 feet high, and every shoot is terminated by long racemes of bright yellow, pea-shaped flowers. When grown in quantity it is said to be like a shower of gold. 20 cents; seed, 10 cents.

### "GOLDEN AUTUMN." *Helium Autumnalis Superbum.*

This new hardy garden plant has created a sensation in Europe as well as in this country, on account of its wonderful growth and gorgeous effect. Every plant reaches a height of 4 to 5 feet, and is a complete mass of light golden daisy-like flowers, so crowded that no foliage can be seen. For those who have room in their garden for a showy plant this is unexceptionably good. 25 cents.





### DOLICHOS JAPONICUS "KUDZU."

A rapid-growing vine, highly recommended by the most prominent horticulturists of the world. Dense green foliage, which quickly covers porches, verandas, rockeries, tall trees, etc. Flowers purple, in large clusters. From the root a starch is made, and valuable cloth from the stems, while the abundant foliage is eaten by cattle. Seed, 10 cents. Plants, 25 cents.



### NEW DOUBLE GOLDEN RUDBECKIA.

*Gardening*, the most valuable of all horticultural journals, speaks of this new plant as follows: "We hail it with delight, as being one of the most distinct and beautiful hardy perennials introduced for years." It will give you armfuls of large, very double golden yellow flowers, elegantly set off with their own foliage. 20 cents.

One of each of the 4 Plants on this page for 60 cts.

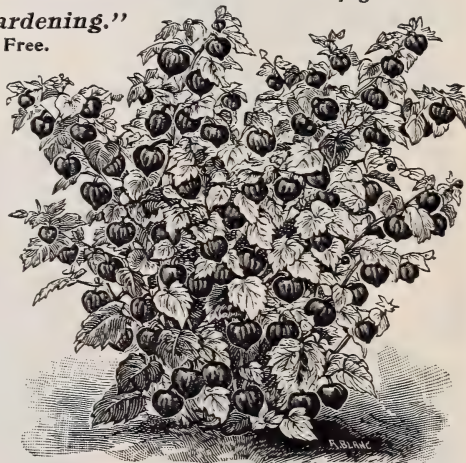
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Crimson Violet.



Chinese Lantern Plant.—*Physalis Francheti*.

### PHYSALIS FRANCHETI—Chinese Lantern Plant.

This is a mammoth form of the winter cherry, just introduced from Japan and exhibited in England, where it obtained a first-class certificate the first year. It produces an immense number of large fruit, the size of a plum, encased in balloon-shaped calyxes, like miniature Chinese lanterns and of brilliant orange-red color. The fruit of *Physalis* keeps for months in the winter, and stems loaded with them make fine Christmas decorations, and is also good for preserves, pies, confections, etc. Distinct. Plants, 15 cents; seed, 10 cents.

### CRIMSON VIOLET—Admiral Avellan.

A new French violet, recently brought over and said to bear flowers of a deep violet crimson. Imported plants, 15 cts.

### GRAND NEW VIOLET—"LA FRANCE."

Strong, vigorous grower. Richest color and by far the best introduced. ENTIRELY NEW. 25 cents.





Variegated Passiflora.

### PASSION FLOWER.

The hardy and early blooming Passion Flower bears a profusion of purple and white flowers of immense size and of most interesting and beautiful form. It will clothe a veranda with luxuriant foliage and bloom in the house. 15 cents.

### The Variegated - Leaved

**Passion Vine.**—Flowers nearly white; large, handsome. Leaves lively green, mottled and blotched with bright golden yellow. Elegant for indoors. 20 cents to \$1.



### POLYANTHUS MACULATA.

Leaves dark green, mottled with chocolate brown spots. Fine form, like a century plant. Bears the first year a spike crowded with curious orchid-like flowers as fragrant as Tuberose. A fine plant. 25 cents. Send for our catalogue, and "Hints on Cacti," 116 pages, 180 cuts. 10 cts.



### PHRYNIUM VARIEGATUM.

An immensely popular, high-class decorative plant, soon forming valuable specimens. Leaves bright green, striped with white and gray, sometimes pure white. 25 cents to \$1.



### POTHOS AUREA.

A glorious sight when trained on a trellis or on the stump of a dead tree fern, covered with fresh moss. Thus, it looks like a globe of golden yellow leaves, streaked with light green. Rapid grower. Indoor. Branches cut off grow in water for weeks. Admired by all. Price, 25 cents to \$1.



Cape Fuchsia.

### PHYGELIUS CAPENSIS.

During our past dry summer this was never out of bloom, while geraniums alongside of it were perishing. When barely a few inches high bears from 10 to 20 bold, long spikes, completely crowded with showy, scarlet, drooping flowers, persistently produced from May until winter, and even then in the house. Perfectly hardy. 20 cents; seed, 10 cents.

The 7 Plants on this page for \$1.20.

"Gardening," 24 numbers for an order of \$2.50 and \$1 additional.



### PERESKIA ACULEATA.

The Lemon Vine.

In the fall will be covered with hundreds of dense clusters of semi-double, rose-like flowers, of almost overpowering fragrance, succeeded by edible fruit. Stems with buds will open their flowers in water. It is not hardy. Price, 15 cents to 50 cents.



## 8 Parlor Gems.



**SILVER PEPEROMIA.**

Leaves thick and waxy-like, silvery gray, with metallic green stripes; most beautiful. Excellent for dinner table or parlor window. 25 cents.



**FARFUGIUM GRANDE.**

The leaves become immense; clear bright green, heavily blotched with golden yellow. Fine flowers. We recommend it as a room plant. 25 cts.



**MEXICAN PELLIONIA.**

When in its element, droops gracefully over the pot to a length of 3 feet. Elegant substantial foliage—olive green, marbled with silvery gray, and, when young, covered with a purple lustre. Price, 15 cents.

### MARANTAS.

Very valuable room plants, forming magnificent specimens. Leaves metallic green, splashed, veined and striped in many combinations, such as gray, olive, maroon, etc., usually red underneath. 25 cents. Five distinct varieties for \$1.

Send us the names of your friends who grow flowers; we'll send them our catalogues and won't forget you.

All plants mailed free.

**All 5 of the Above for \$1.**



**FITTONIA—Netted Gem.**

Most beautiful plant. Leaves large, dark green, very closely and plainly netted with white. Quite distinct. 25 cts.

Also a variety which is densely netted with clear rose to red. Very fine. Price, 25 cents; both for 40 cents.



**PEPEROMIA METALLICA.**

Introduced last year by Mr. Linden, of Brussels, at \$1 each. Leaves appear as covered with golden bronze, so shiny and velvety. Neat little table plant. Flowers white. Price, 20 cts.



**IMANTOPHYLLUM.**

Enormous clusters, 12 inches across, of bright flowers, shaded with pink, yellow, orange. In bloom for many months; bright evergreen foliage. Price of large plants, \$1.



**TUSSILAGO VARIEGATA.**

Distinct, grayish green leaves, curiously blotched and variegated white; fragrant flowers; hardy. 25 cts. **The Above 8 Plants, \$2.25; or without the Imantophyllum, \$1.40.**





**Rhodochiton—Purple Bells.**



**Ranunculus Aconitifolius, fl. pl.**



**Sutherlandia.**

### **RHODOCHITON—Purple Bells.**

Exceedingly graceful in habit. Long clusters of large, bell-shaped flowers of bright rosy purple, from the centre of which depends an almost black corolla. Is in bloom at all times. The color is so unique that everyone is pleased with it. Praised by entire horticultural press. 20 cts.; seed, 10 cts.

### **RANUNCULUS ACONITIFOLIUS, FL. PL.**

Fair Maids of France is a more cheerful name than that given by botanists to such a useful early spring and summer flowering plant. Of late, has been forced by florists for Easter blooms; but it is as a garden plant especially that it will become popular, being literally covered during May, June and July, with pure white blossoms, which remain fresh for a very long time. It blooms earlier if grown indoors in pots; perfectly hardy. Price, 25 cents.

### **SUTHERLANDIA—Scarlet Bush.**

Delicately cut foliage of bright green, covered for a long time with brilliant scarlet Sweet-Pea-like flowers, produced on long stems, quite suitable for cutting. A beautiful plant growing about 2 feet high. 25 cts.; seed, 10 cts.

### **SANSEVIERA.**

We cannot say too much in favor of this as a house plant; there is not another more suitable to fill up a corner of a hall or dining-room. Not that it does not deserve a better place, but because it laughs at ill-treatment and neglect. With age it becomes most imposing in effect. Numerous long, leathery, sword-like leaves, always clean and perfect, elegantly marked cross-wise, with dark green and silvery gray. Immense spikes of fragrant white flowers. Admired. Price, 20 cents to \$5.

A variety with perfectly round cane-like leaves. Price, 50 cents.

### **SWAINSONIA.**

Well-known plants with dense clusters of pure white Sweet-Pea-like flowers. Pink or white. 15 cents.

### **THE ROSE OF JERICOH or Resurrection Plant.**

An exceedingly interesting plant, of which we were the first to offer the seed. It comes up quickly and blooms in a few weeks, then shrivels up and dies, assuming a bird-nest form; when this is placed in water the branches expand as if they had come to life, again closing up when dried. Fine specimens of the dried plants, 10 cents; 4 for 25 cents; seed, 10 cents. A Mexican sort, which opens green, 10 cents.



**Sansevieria.**



**Swainsonia.**



**The Rose of Jericho.**





**Solanum Seaforthianum.**



**Sweet Malabar Vine.**



**Solanum Rantonetti.**

### **SOLANUM SEAFORTHIANUM.**

Might well be called the dwarf Wisteria, as it begins to bloom when only a few inches high and bears hundreds of large bunches of delicate lilac flowers, brightly set off with golden stamens and succeeded with coral red berries. A rapid-growing climber for house or garden, and excellent bloomer. 15 cents to \$1.

### **SOLANUM RANTONETTI—Blue Solanum.**

This is a true blue bush Solanum, bearing clusters of the deepest blue flowers ever seen—brought out more vividly by a yellow centre. Very easy to grow and always in bloom if the true plant is obtained. Quite distinct. 15 cents to \$1.

**The White Solanum.**—A slender climber with pure white flowers. Very free bloomer. Price, 15 cents. The three Solanums for 35 cents.

### **SWEET MALABAR VINE.**

This is a gem of many colors, exceedingly rare and beautiful, which should not be mistaken for the common vinca. The leaves are thick and fleshy, creamy-white, edged with pink and blotched with gray and emerald green. Its tiny flowers of yellow and red are very graceful. With age it assumes a drooping habit. When cut keeps fresh for weeks; of easiest growth. 20 cents.

### **STROBILANTHES DYERIANUS—Royal Purple.**

One of the high-priced novelties of last year, sold in England at \$2, and introduced by us at a popular price.

Compact plants 18 inches high, leaves 9 inches long, of most intense metallic purple, shading into light rose, with light green margin; flowers lovely violet blue. 20 cents to \$1.



**Strobilanthes Dyerianus.**

### **SPROUTING LEAF.**

A queenly plant, with large fleshy green leaves, upon which, when cut, young plants are produced. The head of peculiarly inflated flowers is more than a foot across and most wonderful in colors. Nice plants, 15 cts.

### **THYRSACANTHUS.**

#### **Carmine Fountain.**

We read in *Gardeners' Chronicle*: "Of all plants that bloom during winter and spring, the most graceful and beautiful, and best adapted for indoor decoration, is *Thyrsacanthus*. Its carmine tubular blooms on long (20-inch), thread-like branches show to great advantage. Considering its easy growth and the length of time it lasts in bloom, it is the plant that should find a place in every collection." 20 cents to \$1.



**Sprouting Leaf.**



**Thyrsacanthus.**





### TECOMA SMITHII.

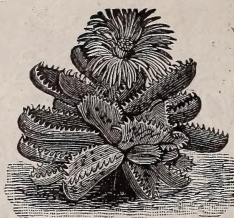
The new dwarf or bushy Trumpet Creeper is one of the sensational novelties of the season. It blooms nearly the whole year round. The flowers are over 2 inches in length, of a rich lemon, shading to dark orange yellow. The nicely cut foliage furnishes decorative material for bouquets, etc. It is an excellent introduction. Highly ornamental. 25 cents to 50 cents; seed, 10 cents.

### TRICYRTIS—Toadflower.

A curious, new Japanese plant, which has proved perfectly hardy in this country. The flowers are somewhat lily-like in form and of a delicate pink shade, spotted with purple. 20 cents. Another sort bearing yellowish flowers spotted with black. Highly praised. 20 cents; both for 30 cents.



Tricyrtis—Toadflower.



### TIGER'S JAW.

*Mesembryanthemum Tigrinum.*

Is a very rare plant. Leaves thick, fleshy, edged with soft spines and resembling the open jaws of some animals. Very large and beautiful yellow flowers. A great curiosity. Price, 20 cents to \$1.

Besides the above, we have 6 other *Mesembryanthemums*, all equally interesting and easy to grow. 15 cts.; 4 for 50 cts.



Venus Fly-Trap.

### TILLANDSIAS.

Plants that cannot be praised enough for indoor growing. The leaves are very persistent, resisting sun, shade or dry air. They are of noble form, the flowers most gorgeous in coloring, and lasting frequently for months. *T. Zebrina* is a gem, with leaves of silvery gray, striped with brown. Most persons are positive that it is artificial. It lives for weeks without watering. Others have gorgeous leaves of wine color and green, and immense spikes of most brilliant flowers lasting for months, while those with plain green leaves have still handsomer flowers.

We recommend these *Tillandsias* and *Bromelias* to all lovers of fine plants, being confident that they will be highly appreciated. They are usually sold at \$1 to \$5 each. Our price, 30 cents; 3 distinct sorts for 70 cents.



### YUCCAS.

Plants which should be extensively grown. They are a most gorgeous sight when in bloom, the huge spikes of white flowers lasting for a very long time. Everyone having a garden should have them. We have a fine collection; among the best are *Y. Aloefolia*, *Filamentosa*, *Gloriosa* and *Recurva*. A plant that will please you. Price, 25 cents to \$5. For others, see "Hints on Cacti," price, 10 cents.

### VENUS FLY-TRAP.

One of the wonders of the vegetable kingdom. The leaves are terminated by claw-like wings, armed with soft, irritable spines. Let a fly or any insect alight on them and they close upon them at once. Grows in moss. Price, 30 cents; 5 for \$1.

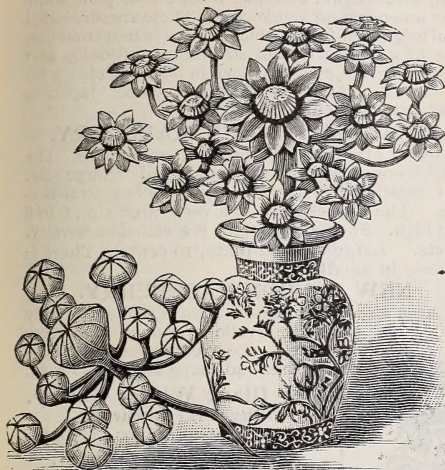
**Night-Blooming Jessamine.**—Very sweet-scented at night. Price, 15 cts.



Tillandsias.



# Some Wonderfully Curious Plants.

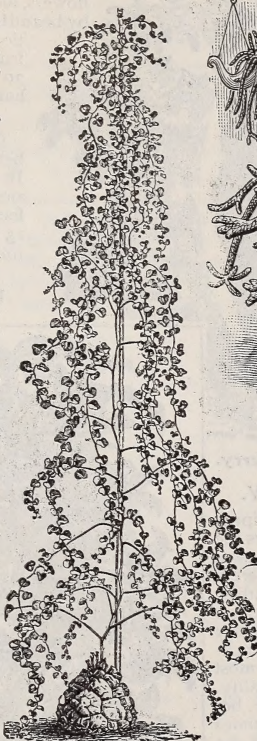


**RESURRECTION FLOWER.** This most remarkable flower was known at the time of the crusades, the warriors bearing them as emblems on their shields. These flowers are actually dead, and may have been closed for centuries, but dip them in water for a few minutes and they will open at once, and, when dry, close again. Clusters, 10 to 25 cents.

**Mexican Bird's Nest Resurrection Fern.**—Is a most curious plant. Opens when placed in water, becoming bright green in color. 10 cents, 3 for 25 cents.



The Butterfly Orchid.



## THE ELEPHANT'S FOOT.

*Testudinaria Elephantipes.*

We doubt whether there is a living plant of this in the United States outside of our establishment, our last large specimen, valued at \$100, having been sent abroad. The plant is actually a climbing vine like the smilax, bearing sweet-scented flowers, but with age it forms an enormous round root above ground, carved and cleft like a turtle's back. Sometimes these roots weigh 100 pounds. We have a few quite small seedlings, very easily grown, at 25 cents each; seeds at 20 cents for 5. No large plants to be had for love or money.

## THE BUTTERFLY ORCHID.

Grows finely on a block of wood with some fresh moss, kept moist. It will give many beautiful flowers, pink, green and crimson, lasting many weeks. Clumps, unmounted, 25 cents; mounted on block, 50 cents up to \$2.



## THE ELK HORN CACTUS.

One of the wonders of plant life. A monstrous growth of the well-known "rat-tail" Cactus; assumes all sorts of grotesque shapes. Price, young plants, grafted, 50 cents up to \$20 each. Cuttings and stock for grafting, 25 cents.

See our Book on Cacti for further description. 10 cts.

**AIR PLANT.** This will grow without soil; it may be fastened on a piece of bark, with moss tied around its roots, and hung up by a string, and sprinkled with water occasionally. Grows in pot or a vase filled with water. Price, 15 cts.; extra large, 30 cts., 2 for 50 cts.



Air Plant.





## ASPARAGUS SPRENGERI.

**The Abyssinian Parlor Fern. An Everlasting Joy.**

We introduced this valuable new plant in 1896, and are exceedingly proud of the popularity which it has attained. No progressive florist or lover of nature's beauties would think of being without it. Its use is now universal for all high grades of decorations, to which its feathery sprays, whether 2 or 8 feet long, lend themselves admirably. The bright emerald-green color harmonizes with all other colors. As the sprays last for four to six weeks in water, they are indispensable for cut flowers, bouquets and wreaths.

As a house or garden plant, nothing can equal it. Suspended from roof of porch or veranda, its graceful feathery fronds droop down to the ground. When small it makes an elegant table plant. If frequently repotted, its exceedingly rapid growth enables one to have large and valuable specimens in one or two years—plants with a hundred sprays 8 to 10 feet long—such as were sold in this city at **\$25** each. When such specimens are covered with their delightfully scented white flowers, they are indeed a grand sight, and later on, when followed by their coral-red seed pods, they are still grander.

That we have faith in this great novelty is fully proved by the fact that we are growing 60,000 young plants, and have refused \$15 per 1,000 for our seed at wholesale.

Price, small plants, 20 cents; from 4-inch pots, 50 cents, by mail; extra-fine plants, from 6-inch pots, 75 cents, by express. 10 seeds, 25 cents.

**We were awarded first premium for  
Asparagus Sprengeri  
by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society.  
First-class Certificate, R. H. S., England.**

Our engraving shows a 1-year-old plant in 5-inch pot, grown in one-half soil and one-half **Jadoo**. This compost requires a smaller pot and less watering, owing to its strong growth and heavy, succulent roots. Asparagus Sprengeri requires frequent repotting.

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